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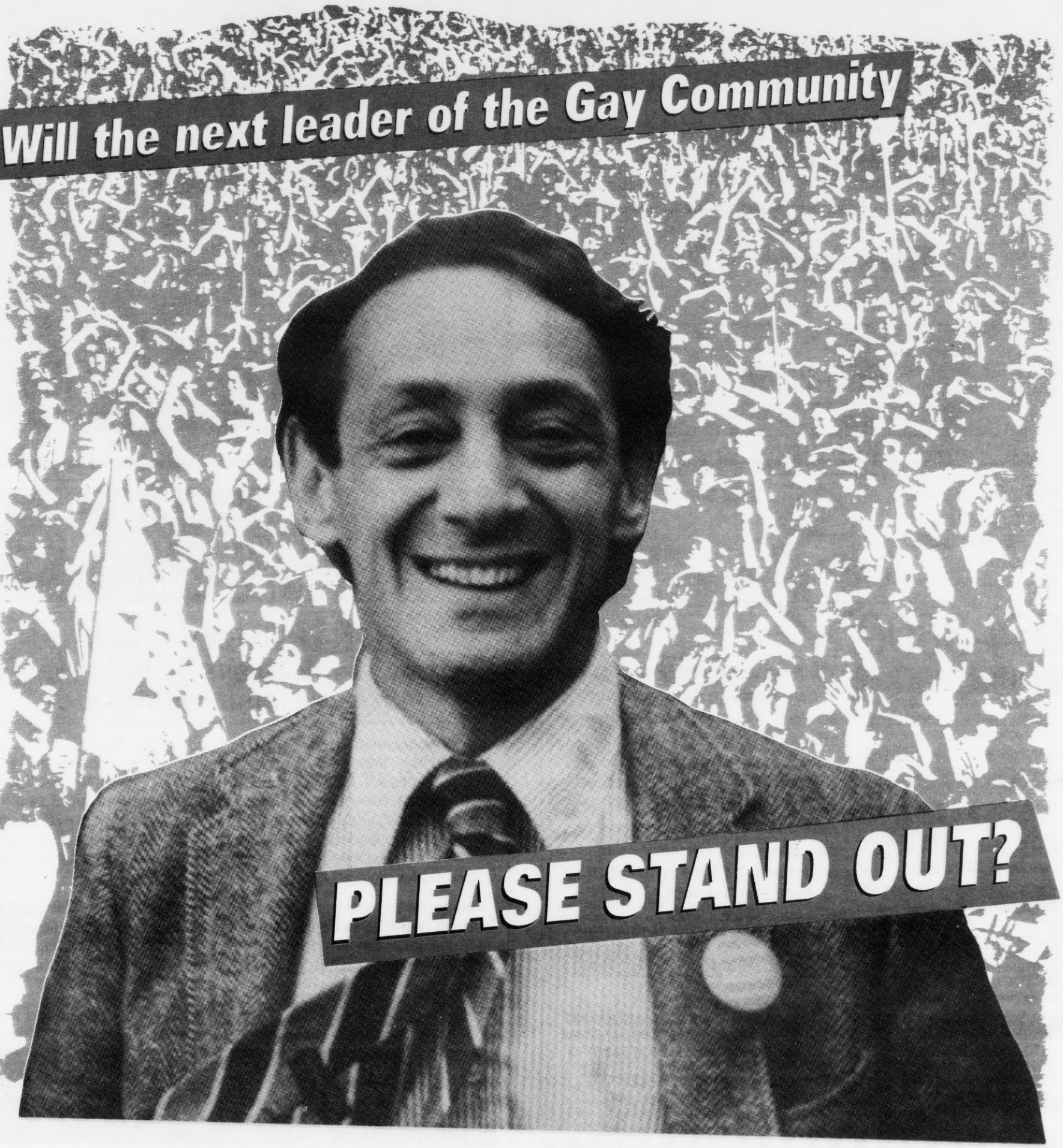

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Thanks From Tenderloin Tessie

The Empress Tenderloin Tessie Holiday Dinner Program, Inc., would like to thank all of the volunteers who gave of their time and money for this past Thanksgiving Dinner. Those in the club: Jessie Shin, Maxine, the gang at Old Rick's Gold Room, Grand Duchess Suzie Wong, Hal Gage and Stan, and St. Paulis Lutheran Church—these people and all of the volunteers helped provide Thanksgiving dinner for more than 800 people.

Empress Pushy Phyllis
Committee Chairperson, The Empress
Tenderloin Tessie Holiday Dinner Program, Inc.

Where Is the Middle Ground?

Ggreg Taylor's piece about the "Death of Product" (*SF Bay Times*, Dec. 16) seemed a little self-serving, but he rang a bell for me when he mentioned the new surge of speed addiction in the party crowd. I personally know a lot of women who've gone down Crystal Road over this last year, and I didn't know it was happening in the boy community too.

I'm not clean and sober, and I think everybody has to make their own choices, but all I can do is shake my head when I hear another big dramatic story: the evictions, roommates stealing from each other, the accidents, the scenes. I believe it's fun sometimes, but I also feel like I'm losing touch with people I used to know.

Why is it that this is the new thing precisely among the people who are having a harder and harder time making a living in the "real" world? Where is the middle ground in this city between the clean-and-sober community and the 24-hour partyers?

I'm not expecting answers, but I wish we could talk openly about this subject without a lot of judgment and suspicion on both sides.

Fish
San Francisco

Maximizing Harm

Much has been said against "harm minimization," the official drug policy of the Netherlands. Some call it too strict, some call it too lenient. To satisfy both sets of critics, I now modestly propose the opposite policy, "harm maximization." In "harm maximization," the government makes and enforces drug laws in a way that maximizes harm to society.

Thus, harm maximization prohibits drugs and sets heavy penalties against their trade and use; but it sets its enforcement goals in a way impossible to fulfill, thus ensuring the existence of a criminal subculture of users and dealers.

Harm maximization encourages high prices, high potency, adulteration, abuse, addiction, theft and violence by vigorous—but selective—enforcement.

Harm maximization offers great incentives and opportunities for official graft, bribery and corruption.

Harm maximization permits rogue spy agencies to run covert drug-smuggling operations for the benefit of foreign tyrants.

Harm maximization diverts scarce tax monies from roads and schools to police and prisons.

Harm maximization sets legal precedents for systematic undermining of the Bill of Rights.

The one and only virtue of a "harm maximization" policy is that it requires no change from current practice.

Nathan Hellerstein
San Francisco

Common Sense Solutions

Once again, Andrew Towne waxes righteously indignant about the efforts of those of us who are working to make known the deadly impact of tobacco on the lesbigay community ("The New Lifestyle Fascism," *SF Bay Times*, Letters, Dec. 2). He diminishes the strength of his already ridiculous arguments by shouting "fascist" at those of us with whom he disagrees. Tossing around the term so loosely trivializes the evil that fascism represents and is antithetical to a principles exchange of ideas.

This time he popped a blood vessel over one of my more reasonable letters, in which I suggested that gay bar owners voluntarily consider taking some steps to provide smoke-free alternatives—like a smoke-free night or a nonsmoking section—in light of the mounting evidence that tobacco poses an increased threat to those who are HIV-positive.

A recent HIV study out of London reports that smokers came down with full-blown AIDS twice as quickly as nonsmokers. How many of us have our immune systems further compromised by breathing other people's smoke? Last month, the community lost another shining light in Bo Hartness, a bartender at the Castro Station who tried to do something about the smoky conditions in the bar. He knew his working environment was accelerating the progression of his AIDS, but he depended on the income, feared losing his health insurance if he quit, and otherwise liked the job. Towne says no one has to work in a restaurant or bar if they don't want to. Not everyone has lots of choices, particularly in this tough economy. It's just not that simple to say don't work there if you don't like it—and pretty damned arrogant.

The strongest opposition I have heard from lesbigays to restricting smoking in public places stems from an understandable concern about *any* restrictions that legislate private behavior. We, who have seen our very lives legislated against at every turn—our sex lives still violate the law in half the states!—are appropriately sensitive to any new restrictions that come down the pike. But it's important to avoid knee-jerk reactions and consider each issue on its merits.

The questions I ask are: "How private *is* private?" and "What is the impact on others of the behavior in question?" There is, for example, a big difference between having the right to choose a lover of either gender and having the right to endanger others by smoking in enclosed public places. Smoking under such circumstances is *not a private act.* It imperils others—and in no small way.

Retrictions—or even prohibitions—are not always dirty words. Would we have the FDA fail to inspect the meat that is served in restaurants? Would we argue against restrictions that prohibit the manufacture of toys that pose a threat to children? What about laws that prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, religion or sexual orientation?

Would we allow someone to blast a boombox in a restaurant?—Not! Sound travels. The other patrons might not appreciate the concert. Similarly, smoke travels. What may have once passed for *atmosphere* is now seen by many as a cloud of poison gas. Smoking in public is one action that does not take place in a vacuum.

For several years after the AIDS epidemic struck, there was a lot of resistance to changing our sexual habits. How could we give up our hard-won freedoms? As the facts became known, the sad reality settled upon us. We had to make changes if we were going to survive.

The same holds true for tobacco. The facts are irrefutable. It's killing us. Yet, I would no more force someone to stop smoking than I would force someone not to engage in unsafe sex. Those *are* personal choices. Nonetheless, our community will have to come to terms with smoking in enclosed public places where the actions of some inflict harm on others—particularly on employees who don't have the luxury of making a quick exit. As someone once said, "The right to swing your fist ends when it hits my nose."

Our government's criminally negligent response to the AIDS epidemic is consistent with its long-term support of the tobacco industry. "Let 'em die," they say. That is why tobacco control activists, like AIDS activists, must fill the void and advocate for commonsense solutions.

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Bad Idea—Gone Worse

I'm writing in regard to Nan Parks' column, "Straight Talk!" which appeared in the Dec. 16 issue of *SF Bay Times*. Ms. Parks seems to have some need to perpetuate stereotypes. I know that I don't have to read her article. But we as a community don't find it acceptable when mainstream media tells us that it's just too bad if we don't like the homophobic views expressed by them. We have enough Rush Limbaughs and Howard Sterns elevating their status on the wings of hatred and ignorance. Perhaps Ms. Parks should write for *The Jewish Bulletin* and call her column "Christian Talk!" or write for a Black paper and call the column "White Talk!"

I'm so glad Ms. Parks has a gay friend, Peter, who was "sweet enough" to invite both her and her husband to a birthday party. She asked a few people at the party, who happened to be lesbian and gay, what they thought about Christmas. When they expressed their disdain about the holiday's pervasive commercialism, she wondered if "there was some gay thing going around about hating the holidays." Then Ms. Parks got all bent out of shape because someone showed creative expression by hanging Ken dolls and a plastic "man's thing" on a Christmas tree. By the way, Nan—it's a penis, and you're an asshole.

Someone had the audacity to depress Ms. Parks by mentioning that it might be the last Christmas for some of the people in the room, who apparently are seriously ill. It just ruined her straight, joyous mood. Nan, try spending Christmas in a hospice. On second thought, I wouldn't want you to depress terminally ill people.

I especially liked the part when she referred to the gay/lesbian community as "you folks." Ms. Parks occasionally wakes up to the fact that she doesn't live in a Christian-only world when she remembers Hanukkah and "that new African holiday." I occasionally have had six million reminders myself, in the form of physical and verbal assaults, that I am not only gay, but also a Jew.

Also based on the few people she spoke to at the party, Ms. Parks has decided that perhaps gay and lesbian people are unable to feel joyous during the holidays. To me, joyous is the people who volunteer at Under One Roof, selling items to raise hundreds of thousands of dollars for AIDS organizations; it's the people at Open Hand who feed people with AIDS 365 days a year, including Christmas; it's the people who hold the hands of the sick and dying; it's the people who fight for our rights; it's the Gay Men's Chorus singing holiday songs from the soul; it's getting together with friends and family. The list goes on and on. The list for what's wrong with the holidays goes on and on, too. I won't list them. I don't want to depress Ms. Parks any further.

I say "Straight Talk!" is a bad idea gone worse.

Bob Bragman
Oakland

It Is Time

I found the article "Return of the Crusades," by Thom Bean (*SF Bay Times*, Dec. 16) very insightful. I believe we have allowed militant Fundamentalists to set the debate and use God against us long enough. As they have organized, we have bickered. Worse yet, we've grown complacent.

Wake up! There is no more time to waste arguing amongst ourselves. It is time to direct our energies outward and fight fire with fire. It is time we begin to turn the Bible back at the Fundies. It is time we begin pointing out that Christ is infinitely loving, just, compassionate, and that Fundamentalists have no monopoly on Him. It is time we let America know these people are not acting Christlike. A lot of Gay people will not even consider the fact that God might love us, too. The fundamentalists have kept a lot of us from God, and they have compounded this horror by using God against us.

It is time we put the militant Fundamentalists on notice that the Gay community will no longer tolerate the use of God and the Bible against us. We can do this in a manner that is non-violent and gives *us* the moral high ground. We need to confront them on every level, using words and ideas as our swords. Every time they utter a lie about God hating us, we must counteract it with the truth. God loves all of us equally. God does not favor those who use His name to spread hate. Those of us who understand that the Bible can be interpreted in many different ways need to lead the assault on these evil people. Hate is not Christian. Intolerance is no family value. Exclusion is not condoned by Jesus.

It is time now to come together so that the anger which is growing within each of us can be harnessed and organized and used constructively. It is time to stand up to these bigots who want to impose their beliefs on all Americans, not just Gay Americans.

Michael Blair
Clayton, CA

Jeffrey's Racism

The following letter was sent to the producers of Jeffrey:

Last night my partner and I went to see the show *Jeffrey*. We were both eager and excited to see what had been described as a lighthearted yet poignant performance about gay sexuality in the age of AIDS.

I was sadly disappointed, hurt and angry at the gratuitous subtle and blatant racism which pervaded the show. There were covert and overt racist jokes, images and references to African Americans, Native Americans, Latinos and Asian/Pacific Islanders thoughout all of the first half. I was so deeply offended that I chose not to stay for the rest of the performance.

Allow me to offer a few choice examples:

• Jeffrey and friends are attending a country-western AIDS benefit; the theme of the ball is "Cowboys and Indians," and the scene is rife with

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The Ghost of Christmas Future:
SF Awakening To The Religious Right (And Trying To Do Something About It)

by Tim Kingston

In recent months the religious Right has brazenly challenged San Francisco with a Christian Broadcasting Network camcorder in hand, recording scenes designed to prompt "good conservative Christians" across the nation to reach for the checkbook to roll back the homosexual menace. Yet it is only recently that the local queer community has seriously considered combating the religious Right's sudden prominence in, and attacks on, San Francisco.

San Franciscans have had to put up with the homophobic posturing of the Jordan-appointed Rev. Eugene Lumpkin—and his new friends in the Traditional Values Coalition. Residents have seen repercussions from the Sept. 19 Hamilton Square Baptist Church protest, which enabled the religious Right to claim San Francisco is a home of "anti-Christian bigotry." And, adding insult to injury, the City stars in *The Gay Agenda*, the nationally distributed anti-gay hate video and right-wing fundraising and organizing tool.

"It is clear that we don't have a good analysis or anything resembling a consensus on what strategies we should use to respond to the Christian Right's targeting of San Francisco," says queer activist Gerard Koskovich. "But my discussions with people in the community lead me to think that the majority of queers think we need to make a response of some sort. I would argue we have an emerging consensus against the notion that the best strategic posture is to do nothing or pretend that nothing is happening."

And lest we forget, it has been a rather trying year. Colorado's Amendment 2 has hung over the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered community like the Sword of Damocles. The religious Right has scored victories in Cincinnati, Maine, New Hampshire and Oregon—and let's not forget the Clinton administration's cave-in on gays in the military.

What will our strategies be as we organize to fight the Right? 1993 March on Washington photo by Bob Corti; Rev. David Innes and the finger by Rink.

There have been victories—the massive queer visibility leading up to the March on Washington, the ultimate revocation of Amendment 2 in Colorado, and the turn-around on allowing Apple Computer into a small Texas town despite their domestic partnership provisions. But much of the overall picture has been of a resurgent religious right wing.

"We are definitely losing ground on a local level to a force that is better organized than we are," asserts Roberta Achtenberg, the out lesbian former San Francisco Supervisor who endured fierce attacks from the likes of Jesse Helms before being appointed assistant secretary at the Department of Housing and Urban Development. "I don't believe the religious Right will have any impact in the grassroots San Francisco community...[but] I have to say it could happen in Hayward and places not very distant from our own shores unless we in the gay, lesbian and bisexual community begin investing in the grassroots. They have a full court press on us right now."

STRIKING BACK?

"I don't think ignoring them *or* screaming fire in a crowded city will work," says Sara Diamond, author of *Spiritual Warfare: The Politics of the Christian Right*. While a reasonably broad consensus exists within San Francisco that something should be done to combat the religious Right, no one is quite sure what it is. There is even disagreement over whether or not action should be taken purely on a national level, on a local level, or both.

"Right now, what I see is similar to what I see around the country," notes Robert Bray, one of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force's Fight the Right organizers. "I see great frustration with the Right's ability to come into our community. I see anger and outrage—which to my mind is justifiable--but I see a lack of the comprehensive different components of fighting the Right being brought together."

Bray says the different components that are lacking are answers to the questions of who will do the organizing, and how that organizing will be done. Bray says a critical component of any effort to fight the Right is coalition building, and that means including the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered communities, people of color organizations, straight women's groups, workers—i.e. unions—corporate types, legal experts and of course politicians. Bray hopes that one initial step will be a community wide strategizing conference in January, just to get as many sectors of the community together as possible to brainstorm and strategize.

But before any organizing and coalition building is initiated, an agreement must be reached on how real the threat is to San Francisco. Not everyone sees the same level of imminent danger.

"I don't think we should be all that upset," advises Supervisor Carole Migden. "I don't think there are new recruits [to the religious Right] that are enlisted because of snapshots of San Francisco." Migden argues that national polls indicate a greater receptivity to lesbians and gays, while on a local level she asserts: "I don't see any great resurgence of the Right in this City in any new way. There are our detractors; they have always existed."

Instead of worrying about what the right wing is up to here, Migden argues that the San Francisco community needs to reach out to gays and lesbians nationwide who are under direct siege from the religious Right. Supervisor Susan Leal argued in a written statement that San Francisco has a responsibility to provide national leadership. "We must respond with a coherent broadly-based message from not only lesbians and gays, but leaders from all communities and walks of life that their message of bigotry has no place anywhere in America."

Migden's position is, however, just one end of the political spectrum. Supervisoral candidate and gay African American activist Simeon White says he has "some reservations in terms of a strategy of reacting—that is inefficient. But I do think you can't let something like [the religious Right's resurgence] go unnoticed."

Not surprisingly, street activists take a more pro-active stance. Rebecca Hensler of FISH (Fighting Intolerance Scapegoating and Hatred), a group formed in the wake of the Hamilton Square Baptist Church protest, says there is an immediate need to respond to the religious Right in San Francisco "because they are dangerous to us. They honestly want us dead. They are dangerous in their political involvement, not in their religious involvement." Hensler too is hoping for a community-wide strategizing meeting early in 1994.

Lani Kaahumanu, bisexual activist/author and member of the San Francisco Human Rights Commission's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Advisory Committee (LGBAC HRC), fears: "In some ways I don't think we are acting fast enough. A lot of people have gotten comfortable and don't believe they have to stand up for themselves." But Kaahumanu also sees hope in the threat posed by the religious Right. "This is really a turning point. This is an opportunity to make connections outside of what is generally thought of as the queer

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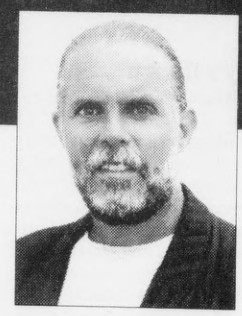

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community. I mean, exclusive identity politics never work. We have to be inclusive of all the issues.''

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Among those who argue that a direct response is necessary, the first question is: Just who are we dealing with here in the Bay Area? The answer—the Christian Right—may seem obvious, but it is not. ''When we say the Christian Right, who do we mean?'' asks Bray. ''In the Bay Area, is it only Lou Sheldon, David Innes and his ilk, or are there people who may not be identifiably in his camp but who may be receptive to his message?''

At this point the composition of the religious Right and its allies in San Francisco and the greater Bay Area is not fully known. But knowledge of exactly who is in the Bay Area's religious Right is an essential foundation for any effort to oppose them, says Bray. To know an enemy is to be able to identify weaknesses and expose vulnerbilities. Such knowledge also dictates what strategies are to be used; tactics that will defeat a white-cloaked Ku Klux Klansmember may not work against David Duke, and strategies to get rid of David Duke will be different from those needed to defeat Frank Jordan.

Analyst Sara Diamond says using the wrong message coupled with the wrong strategy can be disastrous. She argues that that is what happened in Virginia when a Christian Right candidate won office. The democratic opposition used negative campaigning to portray the Christian Right candidate as an outsider and an extremist in an area where 30 percent of the population consider themselves conservative Christians. Not smart. All that happened was that the electorate became alienated and they voted in droves for the right winger.

While the Bay Area is obviously not Virginia, Diamond says being careful about the strategy and messages used is critical in an era in which the Christian Right has ''mainstreamed.'' Originally, Diamond argues, the Christian Right was oppositional and marginal, but that is not the case now, when they have virtually taken over the Republican party. ''They have become interlocked in the normal political structure,'' says Diamond. ''It no longer works to say these are extremists and crazy, irrational people. Not only is it not true, it is dangerous strategically.''

If the Christian Right is a part of the mainstream, says Diamond, accusing all their supporters of being fascists will backfire. ''Certainly they are bigots, some are fascists, but not all of 'em,'' says Diamond. Not only does such behavior solidify latent fascism and bigotry in wavering supporters of the Christian Right, it is politically ineffective. If protesters are screaming, ''Fascist!'' while the religious right stands there calmly smiling—enjoying every moment of their martyrdom—who winds up looking irrational on the nightly news?

''If you want to fuel the Christian Right's propaganda industry,'' says Diamond, ''the best way to do it is scream at them in their churches.'' That was just what happened outside Hamilton Square Baptist Church, an incident from which the religious Right has garnered endless mileage. ''Maybe there are more creative things to do other than storming a church. Start getting alliances in the liberal church—get them to throw their bodies in front of the church!''

Activists for their part are now largely well aware of the drawbacks of ceding the moral high ground to the right wing. ''What you do in response to a politician is different from what you need to do in response to a politician who is costumed as a priest,'' says FISH's Hensler. ''What we have seen is what we have done before does not work in this context, because what we have done before is what they want us to do. It means switching off the automatic pilot and brainstorming about what to do next.''

THE REJECTED SUITOR?

In San Francisco, the battle over Hamilton Square Baptist Church was critical to the Christian Right's efforts to recruit members of the African American clergy. When Lou Sheldon appeared in San Francisco he was surrounded by African American bodyguards. According to Sara Diamond, the Christian Right is looking for common ground with African American churches and other denominations with congregations made up of people of color.

Diamond sees such recruiting efforts and alliance seeking as an effort to broaden the base of the Christian Right, while cutting away at the progressive power base. But in San Francisco, it should be noted that with the high profile exception of Rev. Eugene Lumpkin and a few veteran conservative pastors, the invitation to join the right wing has not been taken up. Given the long-simmering tensions between elements of the African American and queer communities in the City, that alone should be cause for relief.

While some in the gay, lesbian, bisexual community have been quick to assert that the African American community is being manipulated by the Christian Right, Jill Tregor, director of the Intergroup Clearing House, an anti-violence agency in the City, says the African American community has rejected such suggestions. Paraphrasing Rev. Amos Brown, Tregor says there is little evidence that San Francisco's African American community is jumping on any religious Right bandwagon. ''There is something to be said for approaching this like we do have some allies in the struggle.''

Another hopeful sign, and an example of indirect organizing against the religious Right, is the discussion group initiated between the African American and queer communities in the wake of the Lumpkin affair. Simeon White says such discussion groups are essential to lay the groundwork of cooperation against religious Right incursions in San Francisco. ''As far as the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered community and the African American community, there is very little understanding on both sides.''

Tregor is also member of the group and says: ''We are engaged in an attempt to develop relationships that are stronger than those attacks [from the religious Right].'' Tregor hopes the discussion group will result in strong working relationships between gays, lesbians, bisexuals and African Americans so that ''we can stand together to fight the Right, because those attacks are against both of [our groups].'' She adds: ''The queer community is not big enough or well enough organized to withstand a frontal assault from the Right. We will have to work with other people.''

CONTESTED TERRAIN IN THE CHURCHES

As the Christian Right targets the African American community for recruitment and alliances, the queer community is starting to link up with progressive Christians in San Francisco. Within the Christian community, organizing is also under way to present an alternative vision of Christianity to society.

''We do need to make public officials aware that there is another strong Christian voice that is not being heard at City Hall or by the news media. It is ludicrous to think that the religious

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Right speaks for all of Christianity,'' says Armand Kreft, vicar of the Holy Innocents Episcopal Church in Noe Valley. Kreft is a board member of United in Spirit, a recently formed coalition of Episcopalians, Protestants, Jews, African American Baptists and others designed to provide a spiritual and political alternative to the religious Right.

United in Spirit (UIS) has been busy over the past few months. The group is planning a ''Conference on Religion and Homosexuality'' to which they intend on inviting the religious Right ''in a spirit of fellowship and love.'' They are working on putting together guidelines for peaceful protests of the religious Right by UIS and want to produce 30-second public service announcements that they hope to get aired on the Christian Broadcasting Network.

UIS has also planning on opening a new joint Lutheran/Episcopalian service agency in the Castro for the queer community. The group is also working on designing a welcome symbol to display on queer friendly churches in the city.

UIS is precisely the sort of public relations effort that is needed, says veteran AIDS activist and Project Inform founder Martin Delaney. He argues that simply filming and distributing information about the large gay Christian community in San Francisco could be a useful antidote to the religious Right. ''It might be more shocking to them to show us taking communion rather than sucking dicks!'' Delaney believes that proactive publicity showing the efforts of the gay community in ministering to its ill during in the midst of an epidemic could be useful as well.

Delaney believes that since direct confrontation is what the religious Right is looking for, activists should do the opposite. ''We ought to have Bishop Cromley out there in full regalia throwing holy water on them and performing exorcisms. Some effort ought to be made when they are in town to make sure that the press is talking to Archbishop Quinn. And in turn, we won't get after him about child molesting,'' grinned Delaney, adding: ''If I were a PR person assigned to this, those are some of the things that I would throw in their faces.''

LET'S PLAY SPIN THE TV

''The buzz phrase we use is defining our own issue,'' says Lestor Olmstead-Rose. ''We have not done that, and somehow we have to do that. What it takes is organizing a critical mass of people, and beyond that, it takes communication and resources—meaning time and money.''

In San Francisco, the Hamilton Square Church protest was defined by the religious Right, not by the protesters. Pastor Innes portrayed the Church as a victim of anti-religious bigotry, not as the standard bearer of hatred and bigotry that it is. That success was a copy—on a smaller scale—of the passage of Amendment 2 in Colorado.

''We need to be smarter than the Right and define them as extremists,'' says Olmstead Rose. That effort was successful in defeating Measure 9 in Oregon, but failed in Colorado with Amendment 2. ''In Oregon,'' says Olmstead Rose, ''the lesbian/gay community defined the question not as, 'Do you like lesbians and gays?' but as, 'Do you want civil rights for everyone?' Whereas, in Colorado, we were not able to define the question. The people there voted on: 'Do you want special interests for a few, not fairness for everyone.' ''

Thus the message used is critical. Olmstead Rose says slogans and electoral campaigns need to be based on apple pie issues American voters instinctively support. ''Our agenda has to be not what we do in the shower, but [that] when we are fully clothed, we have a right to a job.''

The good news in the San Francisco public relations war, says Koskovich, is that while the religious Right won the first round, sympathy for their position is waning. With every return engagement, he says, the media and ''reasonable straight people'' are starting to ask: Why are these bullies coming back and attacking San Francisco? ''If we can stress why they are coming out of their way to attack and bother us in the one safe space we have created, I think the media will learn about this weird inversion where [the Christian Right] are victims.''

THE OLD ONE-TWO: EDUCATE AND ORGANIZE

''In many ways we still have the same fight, whether or not the religious Right fights us in San Francisco,'' says Intergroup Clearing House director Tregor. That fight is the age-old battle of educating straight people out of their homophobia and fear. ''The real issue,'' says Tregor, ''is getting people to know us so they are not so afraid of us. Have them know a real live gay or lesbian or bisexual or transgendered person. It is the same idea as taking it to the suburbs and taking it door to door—'I have something to sell and it is me.' ''

That sales effort, says Tregor, needs to involve going out to areas where the Christian Right has seen little or weak opposition: perhaps Concord or Castro Valley. Tregor says phone-banking can be used to do education over the phone or to find precincts where people say: '' 'No, I don't know any gays or lesbians.' So you saturate the area. There would be gays and lesbians on every street corner, buttonholing people, saying: 'Do you have any questions?' [and] handing out literature. It would be mass enlightenment, basically.''

Another important part of the education process, says Diamond, is encouraging elected officials to take on the Christian Right. Diamond says that means explaining to Senators Barbara Boxer and Dianne Feinstein that there has been a lot of Christian Right activity in Contra Costa county and that ultimately this organizing could threaten their voter base. That education of politicians has to come from the grassroots, says Diamond, because ''they will not do anything unless they think that their constituents are extremely concerned about this.''

When the Christian Right is out doing their own brand of voter education, queers have to be out there setting the record 'straight', say many activists contacted by the *SF Bay Times*. ''I don't know that community organizing can be opposed effectively without community organizing,'' says Roberta Achtenberg. ''We have to have a national focus... [but] the focus [also] has to be on local empowerment fundraising and enrichment of the local community.''

In the short term there are electoral campaigns and inoculation efforts to counter the religious Right's propaganda about San Francisco's gay,

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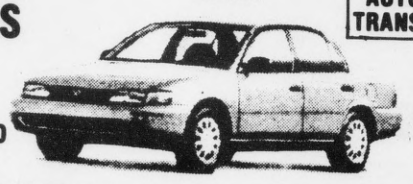

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The Wrong Gay Mix Needs a Think Tank Fix

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When people meet me, they don't see someone who knew Harvey Milk, Tom Waddell, and sat in the wingback "Jimmy" Baldwin used to favor in Gwendolyn Brooks' home. They don't see someone who talked with Dick Gregory about racism, who went to the first national Gay Liberation convention, who dines with Essex Hemphill (when he comes to town) and talks regularly with Assoto Saint. They don't see a man who has sat on several local and national boards, been published for 20 years, and fought oppression all of his life. Most gay people won't take the time to find out who I am intellectually or spiritually—because I am not the right gay mix.

THE GAY MIX WITHIN

The gay community is besieged by many internal problems which are as serious as how we are perceived from without. While speaking before a SF gay youth group, I noticed that the youths referred to me in the third person as if I were not present, and discussed racial concerns as if no one Black were there. I was out of the mix; totally segregated from their recognition. I was an alien—the wrong age, size and color. I call that phenomenon the wrong gay mix because it shows that there are many visible, physical factors which contribute to our collective lack of regard for each other.

Somehow gays must find a way to take the pain out of being together; to make community spiritually and intellectually more stimulating. It is painful for many gays to walk into most gay bars because of the physical, racial and ageist standards upon which gays base worthiness. It can be painful to join social and/or political groups because of the emphasis on the right gay mix. It doesn't cost anything to speak. Compassion becomes everyone. We could all do with less attitude and more respect for each other outside of the bedroom.

For whatever reasons, the gay community is not making enough of its human resources; channeling those diverse resources into fulfilling our mutual objectives—like combating homophobia—should be our priority. We each bring our prejudices about each other to the meeting, the bar, the event du jour. Have you noticed? The political organizations are not working. The social mix is not mixing, and the political directions are conflicting, as elitism moves us further apart. Outreach generally consists of a photo opportunity or the appearance of coming together rather than substantive dialogue.

The gay mix standard by which we all live is self-defeating. The gay community is the only community which has no standard by which rogues are exiled from social interaction within the community. Some gays will forgive almost anything of someone "cute" (with the right gay mix). Rather than being supportive, some gays laugh and blame the victims for being vulnerable. Our rogues keep on acting out until they are caught by law enforcement agencies, which have as little respect for the gay community as we apparently have for ourselves.

A fellow writer, Keith Clark, defines an expert as "someone who it is smart not to ignore." The gay community has not been smart, has not tended its crop of gay leaders well. The gay community cannot buy liberty with lavish contributions to politics as usual or by only being gay at night. If this is a love, it must dare speak its name in the light of day. Now, more than ever, we need something real in which to believe. We need something compelling with which the mainstream can identify. We need experts to stand up, to speak with pride and honor, and to lead. There is a need (if little demand) for lumpy old war horses like myself who have been exiled from gay consciousness to find voice again.

Some voices from the gay community are appalling. There is profit in agreeing with the religious Right that society must not change. Gay apologist and false prophet Andrew Sullivan was quoted in *Christianity Today* as saying: "Gays don't need laws to protect their civil rights." There is a tidy profit to be made by purveyors of drugs, alcohol and yellow journalism, who are more intent on maintaining a targeted market than protecting gay community interests.

Some do profit from being in the closet. But as long as those in the closet base their lives on lies and give their energies and monies to a failed system which does not recognize, respect or support them, they will never really be free. Gays cannot buy liberty. We cannot expect to win our piece of liberty while dismissing the claim to liberty of others. The price of liberty is an unending battle from within as well as from without. Sadly, some gay profiteers, supporters of the status quo, and costumed queens are generating more support for the religious Right than for gay liberation by their inappropriate actions and inept displays.

The gay movement lacks moral authority and definition. We have a lot of grassroots chieftains with big titles, in charge of quelling brush fires. But we have no master plan. Color, class and protocol cause conflict and competition on the gay team. Often our money goes to fund crowd-pleasing rhetoric. Where is the grit and charisma that will bond and lead us to substantive results? The shamans of the gay community must tell the story of our wide diversity so that some aspect of who we are will touch a common chord with the mainstream from whom we have been estranged. Role models for the deaf, the fat, the physically challenged are as important to see as are the pretty white boys who always seem to be in charge of everything.

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THE GAY MIX WITHOUT

What does "We The People" mean? Who is envisioned as part of the American Dream? Government offers special rights to married heterosexual couples, to veterans, and to certain immigrants that gay American couples and singles don't receive. There is an institutional advantage to being a straight WASP from "good stock." And then there are the rest of us huddled masses who are offered the proverbial boot strap on which to pull ourselves up. Society winks at its favored; rewards those most successful at appearances, and at managing capital; those most assimilated. Society does nothing for those who protect the rights of the masses to dissent, to differ, to find their truth.

Missing children, drugs and violence were not major crises until they reached white suburbia. AIDS was not a major crisis until it reached white heterosexuals. People who are different must entertain or serve those for whom this society has been designed to succeed. White liberals love the down-trodden. But the down-trodden may not become too successful, have too much authority, be portrayed as their equals or superiors, and they mustn't live next door. That could create conflict with the favored's mind set as to who "we" are and who "they" are.

There is a conspiracy of silence about who are the majority of criminals, the majority of murderers, the majority of pedophiles, the majority of security risks. The root of this moral conflict is not sociopathic behavior or sexual orientation, but the Judeo-Christian ethic. What is most pernicious is how the media diminishes our vision, our concept of self. Gays must search to find their truth, their history. Being straight is the accepted norm.

Gays take some encouragement in marches and celebrations, but we must get on with the business of defining our canons, our values, our social structure. More gays must make better informed choices, and realize that there is a difference between party time and public relations.

THE THINK TANK SOLUTION

Apart from the plethora of gay organizations, what we need is an independent Think Tank to define problems and find solutions. Some solutions can be reached by using existing organizations as resource referrals. But the Think Tank should remain absolutely undefiled by hierarchical power plays and political pissing contests between existing agencies. Some solutions can be reached by buying and utilizing the best wisdom and strategic expertise we can find. This writer believes we should support a broader human rights agenda which opposes all of the -isms and allows gay people the opportunity to build coalitions and identify with other oppressed groups.

Many of us are anxious about the absence of leadership, the absence of results. Many of us would gladly contribute to a new approach which could chart a constructive direction; provide some uniting moral force; ignore the right gay mix standard. After the funding is in place, there should be a series of local, regional and then national meetings to create a super-structure to define, to strategize, to refer, to counter the well-funded, well-planned religious Right.

The gay community could empower itself with something our opponents do not have. Our Think Tank could enhance our ability to interact with others who are different from ourselves but who share the larger objective of human rights. Our Think Tank could enhance our ability to face unpleasant realities; to respect and value other perspectives; to rethink the definitions of manhood, womanhood, and humanity. It could give us a chance to achieve what we have not been able to achieve socially or politically before.

Solutions may come from outside of gay urban America. Solutions may come from those who are not out, not gay, not white, or not even politically correct—just as long as they come, and soon! Who knows? In this Think Tank, absent provincial elitism, colossal egos and queenly attitude, we just might get somewhere beyond the political and social polarization that currently exists. Your comments and contribution to our mutual survival would be most appreciated. ✿

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The Mayor finds his true calling!!! Yes, the Mayor displayed his trademark generosity by clearing tables (for the ~~cameras~~ homeless) at an XMas fundraiser. Photo by Jane Philomen Cleland.

Elton John Foundation Protested

LOS ANGELES - Eight of the largest HIV/AIDS agencies in Southern California are protesting a decision by the Elton John Foundation to go ahead and produce an AIDS fundraiser the night of the Academy Awards, despite the fact that another organization has successfully produced a similar event for four years.

"The Elton John Foundation has chosen to come into the Los Angeles community, gone outside its self-defined area of concentration (the recording industry) and designed an event to steal the thunder of an agency providing... health care to thousands of Californians," say the directors of AIDS service organizations in the L.A. area in a letter to the Elton John Foundation.

Signers of the letter include AIDS Healthcare Foundation, AIDS for AIDS, Hollywood Helps, Project Angel Food, AIDS Service Center, Gay and Lesbian Community Services, Gay and Lesbian Adolescent Social Services, and Minority AIDS Project.

Last year, when the AIDS Healthcare Foundation hosted its 4th annual Academy Awards Celebration, the Elton John Foundation held a similar event. This year, in an attempt to avoid a similar conflict, the AIDS Healthcare Foundation contacted the Elton John Foundation to begin a dialogue and resolve the matter. Despite a letter and several phone inquiries, the Elton John Foundation has not responded.

Merry Xmas: Clinton's "New" Military Policy

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Maybe you remember the euphoria you felt a year ago when Bill Clinton was elected president, as you anticipated an end to the ban on gays/lesbians in the military and some leadership in creating effective AIDS policies.

Now, you wanna forget all of that, don't you?

Well, here's the latest on the ban front. The regulations implementing the new policy banning gay men, lesbians and bisexuals from military service were released at a press briefing just before Xmas by outgoing Defense Secretary Les Aspin and Department of Defense General Counsel Jaimie Gorelick.

Tanya Domi, legislative director for the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF), said of the new regulations that they "institutionalize and accommodate prejudice against gay people in the military. The regulations are simply a repackaging of the same prejudice and discrimination that existed under the pre-Clinton policy."

NGLTF says it will organize on college campuses and work for the expulsion of ROTC programs as long as this "new" policy exists.

Meanwhile, the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) says it will challenge the new policy in the courts. William B. Rubenstein, director of the ACLU National Lesbian and Gay Rights Project, commented: "The ACLU's challenge to the new law and regulations will renew our earlier claim against President Clinton's 'Don't ask, don't tell' policy in a new lawsuit to be filed within the coming weeks."

"We believe the new law and regulations are unconstitutional because they continue to judge service members according to their sexual orientation and not according to their ability," says Rubenstein.

In other military news, a federal magistrate in Dayton, Ohio says that although gay orientation is protected by recent changes in military policy, homosexual sexual activity is still a no-no. Judge Michael R. Merz made the ruling in upholding the discharge of Sgt. Claude E. Secora, honorably discharged in 1978 and now married to a woman. Secora claims he found himself in a gay relationship after a drinking binge.

Finally, a Marine at New River Air Station near Jacksonville, North Carolina, is charged with attempted murder for stabbing the owner of a gay bar with whom he was having sex. Pfc. Raul Fernandez told police he lost control when Danny Leonard asked him to sniff a vial of liquid. Leonard is recovering from the stab wounds.

Leonard's bar and house were reportedly firebombed during the recent debate over gays in the military.

Holocaust Museum Sponsors Gay Program

WASHINGTON, D.C. - More than 700 people attended a newly translated German documentary about gay/lesbian/bisexual victims of the Holocaust at the U.S. Holocaust Museum on Dec. 12. The Museum scheduled a second showing of the film after ticket requests exceeded its theater's capacity.

"In 1945, when the world focused on the victims and survivors of the Holocuast," says deputy director Elaine Heumann in her introductory remarks, "the gay and lesbian victims returned to the closet as a means of self-protection. They were denied even the beneficial healing associated with the telling of their story."

The film, entitled, "We Were Marked with Big 'A'" and directed by Joseph Weishaupt and Elke Jeanround, was discovered by Dr. Klaus Mueller. It features three survivors talking frankly about their experiences.

Three other films dealing with gay/lesbian survivors are slated to be shown at the Museum, May 15-19. For more info, contact Dr. Mueller at USHMM, 100 Raoul Wallenberg Place, S.W., Washington, D.C., 20024-2150.

Matrix Program Blasted

SAN FRANCISCO - The Center on Juvenile and Criminal Justice released a study—"From Beyond Shelter to Behind Bars"—which called Mayor Frank Jordan's controversial Matrix program an "expensive failure." It urged the city to re-allocate its resources to better fight the war on homelessness.

According to the report's co-author, Alissa Riker: "This study clearly shows that similar crackdowns on the homeless have been going on since Elizabethan England, and have failed to produce results. San Francisco's Matrix program... is burdening our county's already depleted budget and its overcrowded jails in an elusive attempt to hide the homeless problem."

Migden: State Law on Domestic Partners

SAN FRANCISCO - Moving to eliminate the remaining barriers to the City's full recognition of domestic partners, Supervisor Carole Migden has introduced legislation asking the state to allow San Francisco to exempt domestic partners from paying the real estate transfer tax.

State law requires that when property is transferred between owners, a transfer tax must be paid to the county. The one-time tax is $2.50 on each $500 of assessed valuation. State law exempts married couples from paying the tax upon division of community property or death.

Migden has introduced a resolution that will authorize San Francisco's lobbyist in Sacramento to seek legislation exempting domestic partners from paying the tax. If the resolution is approved by the board and the mayor, Migden will ask a member of San Francisco's legislative delegation in Sacramento to sponsor the required legal change.

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Migden is also planning to place a measure on the November, 1994 ballot that would permit the domestic partners of City employees to receive retirement benefits in the same manner enjoyed by married City employees.

Avengers Hit Davenport

DAVENPORT - In its first known public action, the Lesbian Avengers of Santa Cruz held an informational picket and seacliff stroll at the RMC Lonestar plant in this town in California on Dec. 6.

The group assembled at the cement plant's gate in support of Charlene Clendenin, a haul truck driver, and Susan Amspoker, a lab technician, who are suing Lonestar, alleging sexual harassment, intentional infliction of emotional distress, battery, wrongful termination and violation of civil rights.

Although the date, Dec. 6, is observed as Feminist Martyrs Day, it was also the day Lonestar expected 300 cement professionals on

MCC sold XMas trees to finance HIV and other programs at the church. Photo by Rink.

a site visit as part of a convention for the "Rock Products" industry. As a supportive action, Lesbian Avengers of San Francisco passed info flyers to conventioneers at their SF hotel that morning.

Bearse Joins Center

LOS ANGELES - Amanda Bearse, co-star of "Married...With Children," is the newest member of LA's Gay and Lesbian Community Services Center's board of directors. She is the first primetime series regular to come out of the closet with her recent announcement that she is a lesbian.

"I'm really looking forward to working with the Center for the next year," said Bearse. "I really want to make a positive difference in Los Angeles' lesbian and gay community."

Gaybashing On Rise

MOSCOW - Even in this town in Idaho (not Russia, though probably there, too), gaybashing is on the rise. Ask Sean Masterton about his Oct. 16 walk down Sixth Street that ended in an assault by a "faggot"-screaming assailant.

Bill Wassmuth, director of the Northwest Coalition Against Malicious Harassment, says that there was a 27 percent increase in anti-gay harassment between 1991 and 1992. And that number isn't just a result of more people reporting crimes, he says.

During the recent anti-gay initiatives campaigns in Idaho and in Oregon, increases were seen in anti-gay harassment, he reports.

"Part of it is because there is a question of sexuality involved and we as a society have a lot of energy invested in sexuality and sex," Wassmuth said. "The other thing that enters into this is people get passionate about it because God's involved."

Gay TV Hits 5 Cities

NEW YORK - From its beginnings as a Downtown cult phenomenon, the Big Apple's Gay Entertainment Television will make history with three ground-breaking shows premiering in five cities across the country.

The network has launched flagship programs in Los Angeles, Chicago, San Francisco, Miami and its home town. Advertisers on the network include Miller Beer, Dewar's, *Out* magazine, the optical designer Christian Roth and the cabaret show *La Cage Aux Folles*.

The programs are planned for summer 1994 syndication.

Pride Theme Chosen

SAN FRANCISCO - The Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day Parade and Celebration Committee has selected, "San Francisco to Stonewall: Pride and Protest," as its theme for the June 19, 1994 annual parade.

The parade committee announced a contest to select a logo for the 1994 event. The committee is accepting logo submissions and the winning entry will be awarded $100. The logo must contain the 94 theme, the date, and the entire name of the organization.

The parade this year was moved from its traditional date at the end of the month in order to accommodate Bay Area lesbians, gay men and bisexuals who plan to travel to New York for the Gay Games IV and the Stonewall 25 events.

The parade committee also announced a town hall meeting from 7-9:30 pm on Jan. 12 at the Metropolitan Community Church, 150 Eureka St. The discussion will focus on a name change for the organization, to: "San Francisco Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual/Transgender Freedom Day Parade & Celebration Committee." (What, no S/M?) Voting takes place at the March 13 parade general monthly meeting.

The next meeting of the parade committee is Jan. 9 at 2 pm at 205 13th St., room 3200 at the corner of Mission St. in the Construction Center. For more info, call 864-3733.

New York Supports Gay Family

ALBANY - The partners of deceased gays can now hold on to apartments they shared with their lovers, according to a new ruling from the highest court in the state of New York.

The court recently upheld a state housing agency's right to include gay couples in amendments to rent stabilization laws in order to protect the survivors of gay relationships who may otherwise be evicted because they are not relatives of the deceased.

A 1989 court decision ruled that "family member" included the lover of a gay man or lesbian, if a long-term emotional commitment existed between the two people. Division of Housing and Community Renewal spokesperson Louis Ganim says: "We simply took a look at our regulations and moved them into what we felt would be compliance with what the court previously said."

The court decision was opposed by the Rent Stabilization Association of New York City and the Small Property Owners of New York.

Joint Business Venture

GRATON - Sonoma county businesswoman and jewelry designer Jane Sipe returned recently from

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a month-long trip to Cherkassy in the Ukraine to set up a joint jewelry design and manufacturing venture with a Ukrainian woman.

Despite numerous obstacles, Sipe's experiences with the lives of the Ukrainians were rich and rewarding, she reports. The business in Cherkassy, known as Gaia's Gifts, is off and running.

For more info on the venture, Sipe invites calls to her at (800) 828-5687.

Bits & Pieces I: Local

• The Human Rights Commission of the City and County of San Francisco is seeking new members for its Minority/Women/Locally-Owned Business Enterprise Community Advisory Committee. The committee, composed of 11 members, provides advice and recommendations to the Human Rights Commission, with the goal of achieving parity for women and minority-owned businesses in the City and County of San Francisco's contracts and procurement practices. For more info, contact Jacquie Hale at 252-2506; for hearing-impaired, TDD: 252-2550.

• The AIDS Emergency Fund's board of directors has voted to raise the maximum number of board members permitted by its bylaws from 20 to 25. At its December meeting, the board elected seven new members, including Val Asuncion, Brian Bond, Pamela Busch, Leslie Ewing, Mychael Robinson, Rich Tarner and Keith Truitt.

• Frameline has awarded a total of $6,000 in grants to film and videomakers for completion of new lesbian/gay productions, including a grant of $1250 to: "Sis: The Perry Watkins Story," which looks at the case of the African American sergeant who fought the U.S. Army and won. Frameline, of course, produces the annual gay/lesbian film fest here in San Francisco.

• Three quarters of a million comic book fans are in for a shock when they open Shadowhawk III –2: the armored urban vigilante reveals that he was intentionally infected with the AIDS virus by drug dealers before he became a super hero. The issue hits the stands in late December/early January.

• Three AIDS activists—Michael Lauro, Avrum Holdberg and Kevin Redslob—were arrested Dec. 15 inside Stars Restaurant in San Francisco after they disrupted the lunchtime business, protesting what they said was the firing of an employee with AIDS. Outside at the same time, demonstrators marched in a protest that netted no arrests. Last month, a San Francisco jury in a civil suit found that the restaurant's owner illegally fired Rolando Iglesias because of the waiter's HIV status.

• It's time for volunteer training at the Santa Cruz Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgendered Crisis Hotline. One night a month is all that is asked. To receive more info about the training, call Pat Baillie at (408) 425-LGBC.

• Los Angeles chapter of ACT UP wants an international boycott against American Airlines in response to the cruel treatment of a passenger with AIDS. Though the company has apologized to the PWA, ACT UP wants a public apology, full-page ads that apologize to the entire AIDS community, implementation of a revised AIDS program for the entire airline staff, and full compensation for Timothy Holless, the PWA. The boycott is also being endorsed by Stonewall 25's mid-Atlantic region. Stonewall 25 will bring us the international celebration of the Stonewall Riots next June in the Big Apple.

• The Lesbian and Gay Historical Society has acquired the papers of activist Dr. David Kessler (which include psychiatric testimony in the Dan White trial) and the photos of Gene Weber (whose erotic pics covered the subculture of San Francisco's leather community), adding to what is becoming the definitive collection of gay/lesbian historical materials in Northern California. For more info, call 626-0980.

• Here's something for San Franciscans: Starting Jan. 10 on PBS, it's the British-produced version of Tales of the City. It's all there—Olympia Dukakis as joint-toking landlady Mrs. Madrigal, and all of your other favorites. Having seen a sneak preview recently, this reporter can assure you that it's as faithful an adaptation as ever was made. It could only be produced outside of Hollywood, though. Now if only someone would axe the new edition of Tales, released as a companion to the series. It's so disgustingly het in its cover. Check local listings for times for the Tales series.

• A lesbian in Vallejo, Roseanne Peterson, has been ordered to trial for allegedly beheading her female lover, Laura Venable. A judge ordered a trial for Peterson after a friend said that Peterson confessed to the murder.

• A benefit for San Francisco lesbian filmmaker Desi Del Valle will be held at Sacred Grounds Cafe on Jan. 22 at 8 pm. It will feature local entertainers. Sacred Grounds is located at Hayes and Cole streets. Del Valle is currently producing a film about a Latina lesbian relationship.

Bits & Pieces II: National

• Congressmember Jerrold Nadler (D-New York) has answered the call for a "Manhattan Project" to find a cure for AIDS. HR3310 is a bill he recently introduced into Congress that would establish an intensive, coordinated AIDS research effort. The bill, also known as the "AIDS Cure Act," is based on ACT UP/New York's McClintock Project.

• The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) announced the appointment of longtime Ohio activist Betsy Gressler to the newly-created Organizing Director position. She will oversee NGLTF's organizing activities, including healthcare, campus, workplace, privacy and anti-violence organizing, and spearhead NGLTF's effort to assist state and local communities to pass civil rights legislation.

• Longtime grassroots activist and lobbyist Cathy Woolard has been named to coordinate the Federal Advocacy's Network, the Human Rights Campaign Fund's (HRCF) major new national program to mobilize grassroots activists into a pro-active network to secure rights for queers.

• Meanwhile, in other HRCF news, Terry Beswick, the AIDS Research Policy Analyst, has been placed on temporary detail to work on AIDS research issues with Kristine Gebbie, the national AIDS Policy Coordinator for the White House.

• Susan Hester, the president of the Washington, D.C.-based Mary-Helen Mautner Project for Lesbians with Cancer was invited to be an official participant at a meeting of experts charged with developing a national strategic plan for dealing with breast cancer as a national health emergency. The panel was convened by Secretary of Health and Human Services Donna Shalala, and met on Dec. 14.

• Former White House staff member Mario M. Cooper became the first African American to lead the AIDS Action Council when he was elected president of the organization's board of directors Dec. 4.

• In Cincinnati, Gay and Lesbian March Activists/ACT UP want a boycott of the tourist industries of that city in the wake of passage of an anti-gay rights amendment in November. The amendment means that sexual orientation cannot be inserted into the human rights ordinance of the city. Thus far, the American Library Association and the Regional Women's Studies Convention both relocated in response to the boycott. The Cincinnati amendment is under legal challenge.

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• Was Adam Price killed on Nov. 24 because he appeared effeminate? The 17-year-old Albuquerque boy was shot by three people, who were allegedly out to scare somebody. Whether gay-related bias was part of the motivation is unclear at this point. Stay tuned.

•In Salt Lake City, complaints about a gay/lesbian section in a bookstore featuring student art caused the art work to be removed. But after support from parents and students poured in for A Woman's Place bookstore, the art show was returned. Said one father: "At this time of year, we need to show love to everyone."

• Isn't it amazing how often politicians misunderstand basic English? State Sen. Denton Darrington (R-Declo, Idaho) says he did not understand the question when asked about his opinion on the Idaho Citizens Alliance-sponsored anti-gay rights initiative. He originally said he supported it. Now he says he won't sign a petition in favor of it. Two other senators—Stan Hawkins and Alan Lance—are for the bigoted legislation.

• In Oregon, a judge upheld the anti-gay rights initiative passed by the Oregon Citizens Alliance (OCA) in Medford. In Jackson County, meanwhile, another judge ruled against legislation which would have prohibited local governments from discriminating against gays and lesbians. Looks like it's back to the courts.

• Well, Arizona is the next battleground for a statewide anti-gay rights initiative. It's spearheaded by the Traditional Values Coalition of Arizona, and it would do basically what Amendment 2 tried to do in Colorado: keep local governments from passing protections for gays/lesbians/bisexuals. Says Buena Reed of Parents & Friends of Lesbians and Gays: "We see this as an attempt to legalize discrimination against our sons and daughters."

• In Rochester, Minn., the city council rejected a bid to add gays and lesbians to the list of those who suffer discrimination. While councilmembers are being accused of homophobia, council president Nancy Selby engaged in doubletalk, saying that her fellow legislators did it in part because queers are already protected by state laws. Mary Wallace of the Southeast Minnesota AIDS Project, says that Selby's line is "a red herring." If duplication is the concern, she said, then the city should get rid of its entire human rights ordinance which duplicates state law.

• In New Haven, Conn., a measure to allow unmarried partners and gays/lesbians to register as couples was narrowly defeated by the board of alderpersons. Hartford is the only city in the state to allow such registration.

• A group of seniors disrupted the showing of a gay-themed play in Coral Springs, Fla., prompting the calling of the police, who arrested no one, but kept the show running. The play—"Personals"—concerns people who wind up in romances they never expected after answering those nasty messages in the back of most papers. It's the first time the play has ever experienced such problems. Last year, it played to sold-out audiences who apparently loved it.

Bits & Pieces III: International

• Allan Rock, Justice Minister for Canada's new liberal government, says that his administration is committed to equal rights for gays/lesbians/bisexuals. He says that legislation ensuring rights for queers may be introduced as soon as the next session of Parliament. He also wants to look at domestic partners and other issues. Says Rock, "If you're going to say…you can't discriminate on that basis, then I think it follows logically that you have to look at all programs that do."

• A Russian gay man won $400 (500,000 rubles) in his suit against a TV station that he says denigrated his "dignity and honor." The reason? He gave an interview on a gay-related matter to a Western TV company on the promise that it never be shown in Russia or any other former Soviet republic. But the Russian station claims it did not know of the arrangement. It is appealing the decision.

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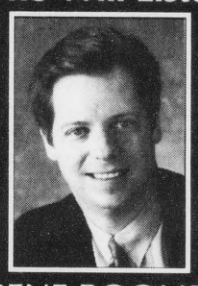
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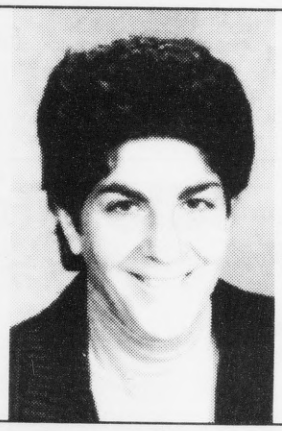
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Lois Wants A Woman!!!

Well hi folks! I hope you all had a very "Merry Christmas!" This year Doug and I had a fight with Mom about where to HAVE Christmas since she refused to come over to our house and Doug refused to drive down to her house and so we ended up staying here and just celebrating with the boys and Carol (who was somewhat sullen since Ghislaine went back to visit her folks for Christmas) and Peter and Lois (who I guess I told you is separated from Ted) and we really had FUN and we all decided that we would do whatever we wanted and Doug and Carol watched football and we all ate Pizza and junk food during the day and Peter assembled Timmy's new bike and Lois and I drank an entire bottle of Champagne in the kitchen by ourselves! (We were so bad!)

So anyway, about halfway through the bottle Lois slapped her hand down on the table and said "Nan, I want to have a lesbian affair!" and in fact she hit the table so hard that she had to wring her hand and started laughing and I guess I didn't quite understand what she meant (I mean I guess I thought she was suggesting that she and I have an affair) and I don't know what kind of expression I had on my face at that point but she started laughing even more and said that she wasn't talking about me (which made me feel relieved but a tiny bit insulted—isn't that funny!) and I started laughing and Doug came in to get a beer and took one look at us and the bottle and shook his head and left which made us almost hysterical for no particular reason, and while I was laughing I realized what she had said—which was not really something to LAUGH about—so I told her that I didn't think lesbianism was anything to fool around with if you know what I mean because I'm sure it's fine for Carol and her friends who ARE

So anyway...

lesbians but I really didn't think it was a good idea for Lois to entertain the idea and Lois said that she felt like since she and Ted had separated her whole life was "up for revision" and that the idea (of a lesbian affair) was intriguing to her and for all she knew she might actually BE a lesbian too because Ted had never really been an exciting partner (in fact those are my words since Lois gave me a much more detailed description of Ted's habits which I don't feel are appropriate to report here) and anyway I have never particularly LIKED Ted although I did pretend to for Lois's sake but he's sort of stuck on himself and I told Lois that I didn't think she should base her theories on him but she should give some other fellows a chance first before jumping over to the "other side" which seemed a bit EXTREME. So Lois said that in fact she HAD given some other fellows a chance (including Don the golf pro at our club which was a real shocker!) and that her New Year's Resolution was going to be to sleep with a woman and that she had always fulfilled her New Year's Resolutions ever since she was 15 and decided to go to the prom with Richard Chessman (and she's told me that story a hundred times starting with how she got to be best friends with Shirley Chessman who no one liked because she stole school supplies and used a different color pen for each subject and she was going to tell it AGAIN when Peter and the boys came through the kitchen looking for "sharp knives" and I excused myself to follow them and found them learning to whittle on kindling and I'm sure it's quite safe but those were my good steak knives so I put an end to that activity and had a word with Doug too who was right there and hadn't noticed anything because of the football game but sometimes I think the boys could assemble a semiautomatic on the floor of the living room in front of him and he'd pass them bullets or trigger mechanisms without looking up).

Well anyway we all pitched in to make a nice dinner and I assumed my discussion with Lois was "girl talk" that we'd keep to ourselves (except I was already looking forward to telling Doug the "dirt" later on), but after the boys were in bed we were sitting around and Doug said his New Year's Resolution was to read the Complete Works of Shakespeare (he always makes one but never does it) and asked everyone else if they had Resolutions and Peter said he was giving up Paprika and Carol said she had no resolution and sure enough Lois announced hers and everyone was a bit stunned and Doug spat some of his wine back into his glass (which was really disgusting) and Carol said lesbians aren't "commodities" that you could just "try out" as some kind of self-discovery project but human beings who were generally not interested in brief affairs with straight women (and I noticed she had to put 'generally' in there given the fact that she herself is presently having an affair with a recently straight woman) and Lois said she was a human being as well and had not specified "brief" and

Peter told her to be careful and Doug wished her good luck, and I was surprised that the two gay people at the table had been the least enthusiastic because I would have thought that they would have been pleased to have a straight person interested in their way of life so to speak. So then Lois asked Carol how she would go about finding someone to have an affair with and Carol said she had quite a few LESBIAN friends with the exact same question on their minds and if she had the answer she would tell them before she'd tell Lois, "no offense intended," and Peter told her to put an ad in the paper, and Doug suggested she volunteer for some gay or lesbian group, and I have to say I felt a little sad because Lois is my closest girlfriend (in the straight sense of the word of course) and I guess I know how you lesbian gals are about being friends with other lesbians and I felt like maybe Lois would make all new lesbian friends if she were to have this affair of hers and I'd be dumped!

So later on Doug said that he wasn't surprised and had "seen it coming" (which I didn't believe because how could he have?), and told me not to worry about losing Lois's friendship and said she probably wouldn't actually "do anything" and I was going to tell him about how she hadn't failed to keep a Resolution for 20 years (including 1977 or 1978 when she didn't watch television for an entire year and another time when she learned to juggle four tennis balls and THAT took her until some time in the fall and she practiced ALL the time and still does it at parties), but I didn't. ✿

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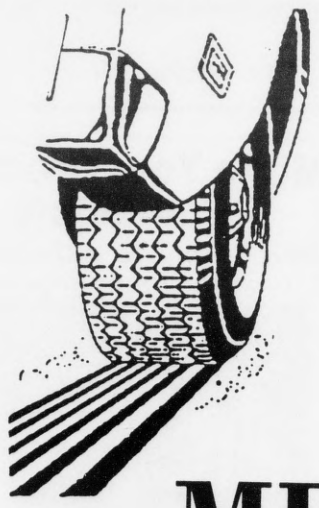

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Year of Queer Youth

by Rick Aguirre, 21, San Francisco

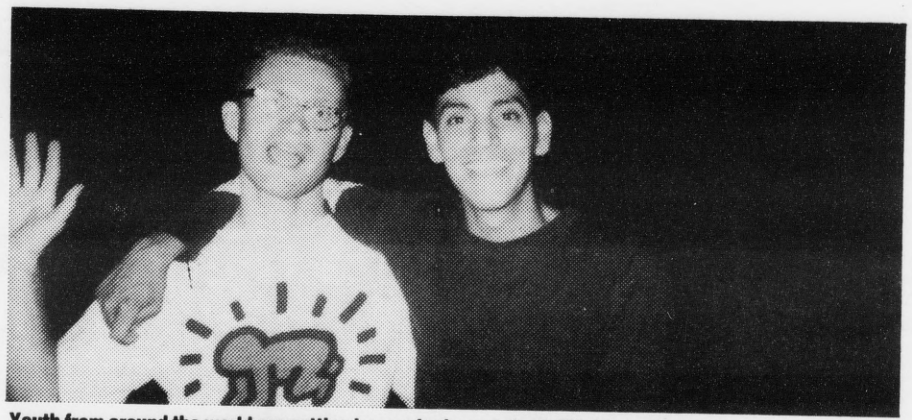
If 1993 was the Year of the Queer (or was it the Year of the Woman? I forget), then certainly—from what has transpired in this last year—1994 holds a strong potential to be the Year of Queer Youth.

Recent articles written from a positive perspective in major national publications like *Newsweek* and *The New York Times* are evidence that queer youth are gaining visibility. Indeed, when the Republican governor of Massachusetts not only endorses the rights of lesbian, gay and bisexual youth, but has also formed a commission solely for that purpose—and has taken $450,000 of a new tax on tobacco to be spent on queer youth in the state's education system—something must be going our way.

And while gay teens are not new to the talk show circuit ("Oprah," "Donahue," etc.), we are starting to see ourselves more often on other TV shows. Recently, I was invited to Hollywood to participate in the taping of an HBO special on gay teens. That was quite an ordeal—we ended up defending homosexuality to a small bunch of religious homophobes, instead of actually talking about gay teens. (Some changes will take a little longer, I suspect.)

But outside the trendy media spotlight, queer youth in the last year have made significant gains in our own queer "community"—the one place we have been trying all along to play a more significant role. Perhaps it has been an even greater struggle to be accepted by our own.

Earlier this year at an adult-organized conference for queer youth in Portland, Ore. (*SF Bay Times*, Nov. 4), young people—who were placed in workshops in a building separate from the rest of the conference—threw away the agenda they'd been given and came back to reclaim their own issues and own agenda.



Youth from around the world are getting increasingly organized. The International Gay and Lesbian Youth Organization has had 11 annual conferences in Europe, and is expanding. Pictured: Rick Aguirre (r) with Manfred Haupl of Innsbruck, at the 10th IGLYO conference in Slovakia, held in the summer of '92.

At this year's National Gay and Lesbian Task Force Creating Change Conference in Durham, N.C., youth stole the show and became a central part of that conference, despite the fact that—again—all youth workshops were held in the basement of a building completely separate from the rest of the conference.

The outcome of that separation was a list of demands presented to the conference attendees by youth from around the country (including local girrrl Felicia Park-Rogers of LYRIC), which included fair representation of youth on the NGLTF Board of Directors; designated funding for youth-oriented programs within NGLTF; a youth steering committee to begin work on a youth program; a full-time youth position at NGLTF dedicated to working on the queer youth movement; and more vocal advocacy of issues of importance to queer youth. NGLTF's Executive Director Peri Jude Radecic, and Elizabeth Birch of the Board of Directors have agreed to meet these and other demands. Already, $3,500 has been set aside for youth organizing within NGLTF. And—while it is not finalized—a new NGLTF youth program organized by young people, and including a full-time youth staff position, is to begin in January 1995.

We are beginning to change the youth-are-to-be-seen-but-not-heard message. What makes it sweeter for us as queer youth is that we are making these great advancements on our own. It's about self-empowerment. Finally, we are starting to be taken seriously.

Now that the suicide factor—three times higher among queer teens than their heterosexual counterparts—is widely known (an odd factor to rally behind for support), it is time to realize that we are not only depressed young people (to say nothing about being oppressed), many of us do, in fact, lead happy, functional lives.

It is also time to look at yet more serious and frightening crimes committed against us. Psychiatric abuse against queer youth (and all youth) is certainly not going to go unnoticed in 1994. Lyn Duff, a 17-year-old psychiatric abuse survivor, has managed not only to gain support from the National Center for Lesbian Rights (NCLR), and the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, she has almost single-handedly gotten these organizations to take on these issues on a serious pro-active scale.

The issues facing youth of this generation have changed as well. While society has become slightly more tolerant, the question for many young people has gone from "Am I gay?" to "What is the most effective way for me to come out in high school?" Our image is rapidly changing from clinically depressed suicidal youths, to young people proclaiming "I'm QUEER." Not gay. Not homosexual.

I believe most of us feel that on a larger scale, beyond politics and conferences, we are building our own community: a community of support rather than just understanding and acceptance; a community of great curiousity as well as tolerance toward each other's differences. Sounds a little utopian, yes. But as a queer young man, active on youth issues for nearly three years now, I'm not necessarily fighting for a seat on a committee or a board, or a chance to see my face on "Geraldo." What I want is a place to meet people who are excited about the things that excite me (and maybe also people who are apathetic about the things that don't interest me!).

And so in 1994 we can look forward to a revolutionary change in the attitudes people in the queer community hold toward us, as well as changes in the social progress we are set to make in our larger world.

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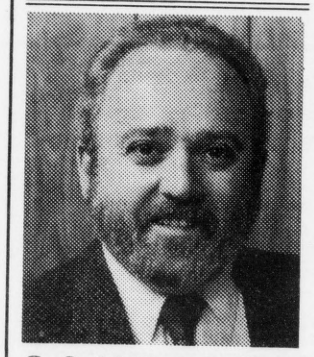

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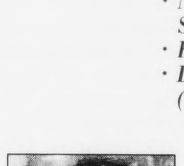

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HIV & Psychiatric Treatments:
An Interview with J. Kevin Rist, M.D.

by Denny Smith

The debilitations of HIV are not always physical. Many people with HIV infection experience mental and emotional troubles that may contribute to the decline of their physical health, and yet be missed by physicians who are trained to focus on tangible illness. Like physical disease, however, emotional symptoms are often treatable.

People who face ongoing depression or anxiety often find therapy or counseling valuable, and many community-based agencies can offer such therapy to people with HIV. Sometimes, however, a counselor or social worker will suggest a consultation with an HIV-experienced psychiatrist, who can offer pharmacological treatment when helpful.

We interviewed J. Kevin Rist, M.D., to gain some insight into the psychiatric facets of HIV disease. Dr. Rist is an attending psychiatrist in the HIV Services department at St. Mary's Hospital and Medical Center in San Francisco. He also cares for a number of HIV-infected clients in his private practice.

Is your treatment approach to HIV-infected patients significantly different from your treatment for other patients?

It's not very different from treating other patients who are also dealing concurrently with physical illness. For example, physical illness often means that these individuals are in fragile health and are already on a number of nonpsychiatric drugs. So you have to be aware of drug side effects and interactions. Most of all, people come to us hurting, suffering or needing something. It's not always comfortable for human beings to need something from, or to be dependent on, someone else. It's a vulnerable situation. I think it's particularly common for patients facing a life-threatening illness to get depressed, to feel anxious, to have sleep disturbances.

What would you say to primary care physicians who are not accustomed to assessing or treating psychiatric symptoms in their patients?

Physicians in other specialties are often very preoccupied, quite legitimately, with other things. But I think it's generally true that depression and anxiety are underdiagnosed in people with HIV, and if an internist can gain familiarity with treating psychiatric symptoms in their patients, that's good.

Unfortunately, what I see a lot of, in patients referred to me by primary care providers, is the misprescription of benzodiazepine drugs: lorazepam (Ativan), diazepam (Valium), alprazolam (Xanax), flurazepam (Dalmane), temazepam (Restoril), triazolam (Halcion). I think that people perceive those drugs to be safe, but actually they are very addictive. You quickly build up a tolerance for them and need more to obtain a therapeutic effect. Then both the patient and the doctor may find themselves in a quiet struggle over the issue, with the patient feeling guilty for wanting more and the physician feeling guilty for prescribing more, and the whole issue unnecessarily becoming an interpersonal one.

If, instead, the physician were a little more savvy, and noticed some anxiety symptoms or trouble sleeping at night, he or she might ask more questions and realize these are really manifestations of depression, and treat them with the proper antidepressant medication, or refer them to someone who will treat them accordingly. That way the patient will get better symptomatic relief, be more motivated to trust the doctor and work with the doctor, and avoid getting into a self-destructive cycle of being dependent on something that only their doctor can give them.

So the benzodiazepines are not antidepressants?

No, they are approved and marketed for various other indications, such as immediate anxiety. They are not appropriate for long-term therapy. Using them to treat depression is a little like treating a serious fever with aspirin, without delving further into the underlying cause of the fever. If someone is extremely troubled, I may offer a benzodiazepine like lorazepam along with an antidepressant like imipramine, and taper off the lorazepam as the antidepressant takes effect, which can take several weeks. I've seen patients who were actually on two different benzodiazepines—one for anxiety and one for sleeplessness. That kind of combination can cause cognitive impairment and even be dangerous, especially when mixed with alcohol. So rather than treating every symptom with a different medicine, I like to see people on simplified, clean regimens of psychiatric medications.

On a related note, a lot of people with HIV have a history of recreational drug use, and a lot of people with a history of chemical dependency are now HIV-infected. And yet we are perhaps finally emerging from the Reagan/Bush approach to drugs, now considered essentially a nonproductive social policy. What is a productive attitude in the '90s?

I want patients to feel safe to talk about drug use. If someone is now using drugs, I talk to them about what they want to do with their life. You can be clear that you don't approve of something that's not in their best interest, and still maintain a mutually respectful position with each other. You can express disapproval of a behavior rather than a person. With a punitive or a "just say no" approach, you're just going to lose the patient; you have no chance of helping someone who leaves

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So the first question I ask on this issue is: "Are drugs or alcohol a problem for you—have they ever caused you any negative consequences?" If the answer is "No," and I don't perceive any problems, like elevated liver enzymes, then the issue is set aside. If the answer is "Yes," or "Sometimes," then I ask: "Why do you continue using them—would you like me to help you with this?" It is not productive to be judgmental. If you want someone to be capable of directing their own life, then on some level you have to be comfortable with them directing their own care.

Which psychiatric drugs are appropriate in the context of HIV care?

Except for the benzodiazepines, I rely on the traditional antidepressants, such as the tricyclics—amitriptyline (Elavil), imipramine (Tofranil), nortriptyline (Pamelor)—as well as the newer generation, such as fluoxetine (Prozac) and sertraline (Zoloft). Although these are specifically indicated for treating depression, by extension they can also relieve anxiety and problems sleeping.

I think that low-dose antipsychotics, such as perphenazine (Trilofon), are good for treating overwhelming anxiety or psychotic depression, especially in patients who have not responded to the other drugs.

How do you distinguish depression and anxiety from the early symptoms of dementia?

It's important to remember that most cognitive impairment is not dementia. First, of course, you are obligated to look for any life-threatening opportunistic diseases, using whatever neurologic tests are appropriate. Then you ask if drugs are a factor, either prescribed or recreational drugs. Then you try to rule out psychiatric symptoms, such as depression. HIV-associated dementia is the remaining diagnosis to make in the situation.

For a number of years, the dominant mental health model of "how to be" a person with AIDS was basically a death and dying model. It was not a monolithic model, but the aggressive treatment approach largely took a back seat to the acceptance of death. There are still health care providers who routinely refer to HIV infection as a terminal illness, rather than a life-threatening disease. How is it possible to view HIV as something to survive, or at least to live with?

HIV now should be seen as a chronic illness. I have at least two patients who are long-term survivors. Neither of them ever expected to remain healthy or even to be around this long, and they have had to find the strength to survive the losses all around them. One of them was once told that he had only six months left to live. That was ten years ago, and people like him now present the psychiatric community with a whole new set of issues, including how to live when you didn't expect to, how not to die.

IL-12: Potential Treatment Restores Immune Response in Laboratory Test

IL-12, a newly-discovered substance which is naturally present in the body in small amounts, has been found to restore certain immune responses which are diminished or lost in HIV infection. This result, recently published by researchers at the U.S. National Cancer Institute, was found in cells of HIV-positive donors. IL-12 was administered to these cells in a laboratory test. IL-12 has not yet been tested in humans, but clinical trials are expected in 1994. [Note: Do not confuse IL-12 with IL-2, another immune modulator which is also being tested as a potential AIDS treatment.]

Two of the researchers on this study, Mario Clerici, M.D., and Gene M. Shearer, Ph.D., proposed a theory earlier this year of a "TH1-to-TH2 switch"—a change in immune function which occurs in HIV infection, and which may cause the disease to progress faster. According to this theory—which is accepted by many but not all researchers—in early HIV infection, the body first defends itself effectively against the virus by one kind of response (called the TH1 response; 'TH' stands for T-helper); this response consists mainly of cellular immunity, that is, certain cells that destroy infected cells. But then, while the patient is still asymptomatic, the immune system switches to a TH2 response, which mainly produces antibodies. These antibodies appear to be less effective than cellular immunity in controlling HIV infection. Each kind of response tends to suppress the other; so when the switch to a TH2 response occurs, the protective TH1 response is largely lost. IL-12 may reverse this switch and restore cellular immunity against HIV and other pathogens.

Two teams, Genetics Institute, Inc., of Cambridge, Mass., working with the Wistar Institute, of Philadelphia, Pa., and Hoffmann-La Roche, Inc., of Nutley, N.J., each independently discovered IL-12. Genetics Institute and Wistar initially named their discovery Natural Killer-cell Stimulatory Factor (NKSF). Roche named its discovery Cytotoxic Lymphocyte Maturation Factor (CLMF). Genetics Institute and Roche have agreed to cross-license each other so that each company may proceed independently in the further development of IL-12.

A Dec. 10 news release from the National Cancer Institute explained the new IL-12 study. It is the best description for non-scientists, so we reproduce it in full:

"National Cancer Institute (NCI) scientists have succeeded in restoring normal immune responses to cultured cells from HIV-infected donors. The scientists used a natural blood substance, interleukin-12 (IL-12), which will be tested in asymptomatic HIV-positive individuals within the next several months. HIV is the virus responsible for AIDS.

"T lymphocytes from many HIV-infected people do not show normal immune reactions when they are exposed to antigens such as influenza virus. By adding the immune regulator IL-12 to cultures of these cells, the NCI scientists and their colleagues were able to augment the cells' immune reactions.

"'In the test tube, this is the most powerful immune response modulator we have seen,' said Gene M. Shearer, Ph.D., of the National Cancer Institute's Experimental Immunology Branch.

"IL-12 was identified in 1991 by scientists at the Wistar Institute, Philadelphia, Pa. and Hoffman-La Roche, Inc., Nutley, N.J. It is an interleukin—one of a class of proteins produced by lymphocytes that transmit signals to regulate growth of immune cells.

"Mario Clerici, M.D., Shearer, and their colleagues at NCI and the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), Bethesda, Md., along with researchers at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas, and Genetics Institute Inc., Cambridge, Mass.,

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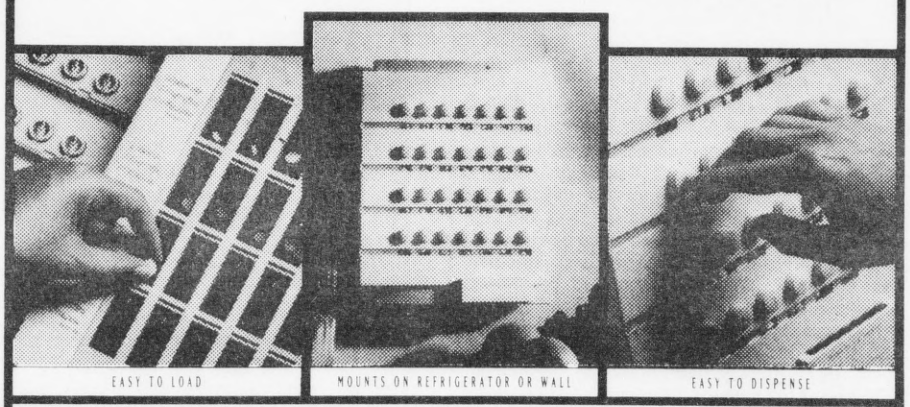

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derogatory remarks about Native Americans.

• In one of the first scenes in which Jeffrey is shopping with his rich white friend, the interior designer, he treats the African-American salesman in a patronizing, belittling manner.

• Jeffrey is trying out for a part in a film/TV show, and he plays a cop going after the criminal. The criminal is referred to as "Diego."

• There are references to *Miss Saigon*, a play which was picketed in New York because of its racism toward Asians.

• The African-American actor was consistently given roles which, in comparison to his white counterparts, were secondary or demeaning, such as a mugger, or an erotic dancer who only grunts, unlike his fellow white dancers who actually use words.

• There was a joke which referred tastelessly to the book/series *Roots*.

As a Jew, I felt offended and embarrassed at the level of insensitivity and lack of consciousness which was being offered as "art." You presented images to your audience which can either perpetuate racism, or which can potentially offer more positive messages to the public.

I am offering this feedback not as a "politically correct" polemic, but rather to share my deep disappointment and hurt, and to encourage you to consider the power of the images and the words that you present to all your fans, not just white men.

I have enclosed my ticket stubs for these $30 per person tickets, and I hope you will consider refunding my money. I prefer not to pay money for racist images, especially when I am bombarded with free ones every day.

Karen Erlichman
San Francisco

For Housing, Not Jail Cells

The following letter was sent to Supervisor Susan Leal:

Your votes on the advisability of the Mayor's Matrix program are being carefully watched by members of the Harvey Milk Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual Democratic Club, such as myself. Your votes on this issue could well determine the propriety of an endorsement for your campaign for election next year.

The Harvey Milk Club has long prided itself on its commitment not just to the rights of gays and lesbians, but to the rights of all people. Those rights include the right to affordable housing and health care. As explained in our statement of purpose, "We shall expect all politicians to take progressive stands on economic issues, on the rights of women, workers and minorities, on protection of the environment, and on international affairs."

Candidates for endorsement cannot expect the Milk Club's support simply because they are lesbian or gay. While we strongly and actively support the campaigns of progressive lesbian and gay candidates, our endorsements are based on an overall assessment of the record of candidates on issues of importance to progressive communities. Your record may very well fall short by the time endorsements are made next year. Consider yourself forewarned.

I hope that your vote on amnesty for those issued citations under the Matrix program is not representative of your overall view of the program's value. You still have the opportunity to show that you support a more humane and sensible approach to this problem. As I have previously written, the Matrix program is either unconstitutional, or a misguided expenditure of scarce municipal resources. Please support a policy that will focus on providing housing, not jail cells, for the homeless.

Zach Nethercot
San Francisco

On Fag Hags

Because the *SF Bay Times*—long superior to the *B.A.R.* and competitively challenging the *Sentinel*—is more female- rather than male-oriented, I feel it offers the proper forum for a seldom-addressed issue which has long been a smoldering "hot flash point" in the older, more conservative gay men's circles—*the fag hag!*

Few gay men—and perhaps even *traditional* lesbians—have not encountered (or, as in the case of "closet faggots," *needed*) these shallow, mindless, gushing broads who just love being seen in the presence of one, two, three or droves of homosexuals.

For those publicly visible, at whatever level, this "indulgence" is nothing less than contrived "liberal" tolerance toward a much "persecuted" class. While it is true that many Clinton Administration fag hags are, most likely AC-DC, the U.S. Senate and House just "reek" of the Boxer, Feinstein and Pelosi types. Nor are the "corridors of power" in Sacramento and San Francisco any less infested with these noxious, "politically correct" parasites who—once out of the gay "social swim"—regularly offend, insult and bite the "twinkies" who have wined and dined them.

In the private sector they are no less patronizing or obsequious. Whether in gay bars, businesses, districts, restaurants or whatever, the fag hag's presence is as unmistakable as it is a pain-in-the-butt. Because they are considered, in a societal sense, "normal," they regard themselves in a gay setting, be it a unit or multitude, "superior"; because closet queers need them for "cover" in social and business endeavors, they view themselves as "favored"; and because they just adore those with whom they are, in fact, "safe", *fag hags are both social and personal hypocrites!*

For my next social commentary, I shall "spotlight", as it were, the closet queer—which I regard from the vantage of having spent 41 of my 62 years "out of the closet."

Thomas M. Edwards
San Francisco

Alice B. Toklas & Asian Pacific Demos got together for a holiday party. Pictured: Tom Ammiano, Lawrence Wong, Rep. John Burton and Robert Barnes. Photo by Rink

Angela-Bashing?

The following letter was sent to the Sentinel:

Hey, wait just a minute here. Michael Colbruno's transparent attempt at smokescreening his recent ethnic smear against Board of Supervisors President Angela Alioto is neither factual nor convincing. It's clearly an attempt at occluding his own prejudices by attributing the same nasty quality to someone else.

In his most recent Angela-bashing polemic, Colbruno finds fault with what he paints as Alioto's "frequent" reference to Carole Migden as a lesbian. So what? She is, isn't she? He characterizes this on the same level with what he depicts as his recent "referring" to the Supe's Prez as a "Sicilian." The point that must not be lost here is the fact that, in addition to "referring" to her nationality-by-descent, he added something to the effect of "... and we know what Sicilians do to people they don't like." His after-the-fact evasiveness is no more than a childish diatribe, clearly omissive, and much less innocent than he would now like to make this appear. His linking by allusion someone's ethnic heritage with a potential connection to organized crime does a searing injustice to law-abiding Sicilians, and more broadly all Italian Americans. Nice.

Colbruno's incessant attempts to suck up to Supervisor Migden, regardless of who else he alienates

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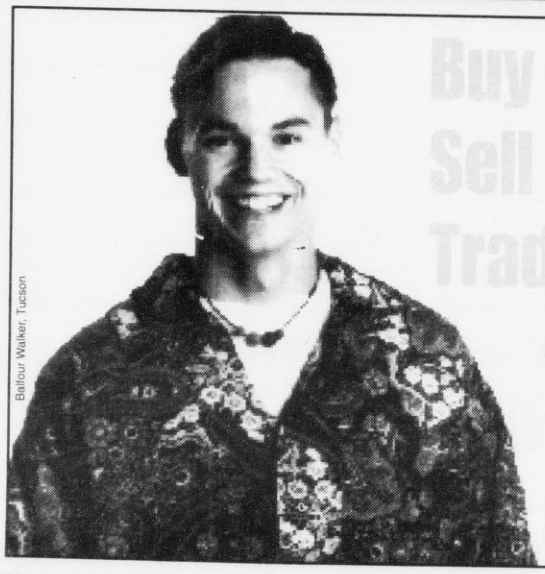
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at City Hall, make his political ambitions—and eye on ingratiating himself into a political appointment should Migden win the Mayoral election—apparent to all. Alioto's expulsion of Migden from the Budget Committee might just have something to do with Migden's compliance with Frank Jordan's "war on the poor." Regardless of her sexual orientation, Migden's compliance with the elimination of Muni transfers, the Matrix program and other budget-balancing nightmares makes her look more like Frank Jordan's "hatchet person" than a friend to the citizens of this city, particularly those most in need of her championing—like PWAs, the homeless and the poor.

Migden, it should be noted, has a reputation at City Hall for being an equal opportunity bitch, most colorfully characterized by her reprehensible temper tantrums and recent attempts at bullying Alioto's assistant, Jerry Winley—gay, I might note. Being publicly described as a lesbian should be the least of Migden's worries regarding her Mayoral aspirations. Her record will undoubtedly provide much more damaging grist for the mill. The clear message is: "Migden to the City's Poor: 'Drop Dead!' " The difference, regardless of obfuscations with ethnicity and sexual preference issues, is that Angela is known by the people of this city as a person who has a heart. I have never heard Carole Migden characterized as being known for her compassion. There's an intuitive art to running city government from a place of understanding consequences of civic cold-heartedness which appears to be sadly lacking in Migden's icy, however pragmatic, view of the need for managing the finances of this wealthy town at the expense of the downtrodden and most in need of help.

Come on, Michael. The election's a long way off. Your attempts at minimizing the consequences of your (and your paper's) recent political blunders does little to conceal your underlying motivation: the City Hall appointment you so desperately want. Get real! You're not fooling anyone.

Finally, your cover page was wrapped in a cover depicting Michael Jackson holding a child on his lap, with the *Sentinel* passive-aggressively jumping on the straight press's bandwagon of trying to convict Jackson before any judicial proceedings, however noncommital a form of objectionable opportunism this may take. Surely the paper could have found a more meaningful cover concept in this troubled San Francisco Christmas season than to offer the community such a negative image suggesting the guilt of this inane and trivial rock star, regardless of the Constitutional right to be presumed innocent until proven guilty. I doubt the *Sentinel* will print this letter. But guess what! Your allowance of Colbruno to use the paper to advance his career ambitions under the guise of reporting looks foolish at best, insidious at worst.

Yes, Ebenezer, there is a Santa Claus.

Charles Caulfield
San Francisco

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performed the current study, which appears in the December 10 issue of Science.

"The investigators tested white blood cells from HIV-negative and HIV-positive individuals by exposing cultures of the cells to several antigens, including influenza virus and synthetic versions of HIV envelope peptides. Cells from HIV-negative donors reacted to antigens with T-cell proliferation, interleukin-2 (IL-2) production, and interferon-gamma (IFN-gamma) production. (These cells did not react to the HIV envelope peptides, however, because of the donors' lack of previous exposure to HIV.)

"Cells from HIV-positive individuals did not respond fully to any of the test antigens unless IL-12 was added. In the presence of IL-12, the cultures reacted normally to challenge with the antigens, showing T-cell proliferation, IL-2 production, and IFN-gamma production. The immune responses of cells from HIV-negative donors were normal whether or not IL-12 was added.

"Shearer and Clerici have previously shown that, in HIV-infected individuals, a switch from one pattern, type 1, of interleukin production to a different pattern, type 2, is associated with disease progression. The type 1 pattern principally enhances cellular immunity, while type 2 is linked with antibody production. Because Shearer and Clerici believe that cellular immunity is more effective than antibodies in combating HIV infection, they have been interested in finding ways to promote the type 1 pattern. The results of the current study suggest that IL-12 may have this effect.

"NIAID scientists recently tested IL-12 in mice with a disease similar to AIDS and found that it had a positive effect on the animals' immune function (Ricardo Gazzinelli, Ph.D., and others, unpublished results). Preliminary (phase I) studies of IL-12 in HIV-infected people are being planned by the manufacturer, Genetics Institute, Inc., and should begin in the first half of 1994."

AIDS Treatment News, *a twice-monthly newsletter, is available by subscription; about half of each issue is reprinted in the* SF Bay Times. *For a sample issue, call (800) TREAT-1-2, or send a SASE to: ATN, PO Box 411256, SF 94141. To protect your confidentiality, we mail first class without mentioning AIDS on the envelope.* ✿

COORDINATOR LESBIAN GAY MALE PROGRAM OFFICE

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN division of Student Affairs invites applications for the position of Coordinator Lesbian Gay Male Program Office. The office has over a 20 year history of serving the campus community; this is an exciting opportunity to serve, while working with dynamic and diverse colleagues; we are seeking a highly qualified individual to provide leadership and direction. Responsibilities will include: develop education, social, support, referral, and resource programs and services for students around the issues of sexual orientation; develop activities that foster supportive student interactions within the university and local communities; advise and represent the views of students and student organizations to both the university and local communities; oversee the program coordination, fiscal, personnel, and administrative activities of the Lesbian Gay Male Program Office; and assist the university in achieving a multicultural community.

Necessary qualifications include a Master's degree or an equivalent combination of education and experience; demonstrated success in student program initiation, development, and implementation through effective collaboration with other offices and individuals; demonstrated commitment to diversity and equity; strong interpersonal, communication, and management skills are preferred.

Please submit (2) two copies of your resume, a letter of introduction and salary requirement by **February 1, 1994**. A faculty affiliation and/or joint academic appointment could be explored with the appropriate academic unit. Nominations and applications will be reviewed starting **February 1, 1994,** and will be accepted until the position is filled.

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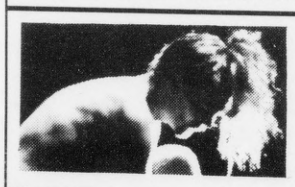

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Year Analysis Sample

An old Chinese curse says, "May you live through interesting times." Well, kiddies, the curse lets up for a bit in 1994, but it's only a brief respite. 1995 looks plenty interesting. 1994 isn't exactly dull either. It looks like a year of settling out. Major planetary aspects that have turned the world around in the last few years are coming to an end. The premises for the new world order are falling into place, but now the dramas—as in Bosnia, Somalia and Hamilton Square—are going to play out.

Jupiter is in Scorpio until Dec. 9, making it a good year for sex, both in practice and for theoretical understanding. Expect to see wider exposure of gender issues and theatrical gender play. Saturn moves into Pisces on Jan. 28. Just when you'd thought you'd heard the last about *co-dependency* and *adult children* (and don't you wish those adult children would just grow up?! Alas...), this whole basket of issues will come back hard and heavy. Religious studies will take a whole new angle with the fundies hitting hard and heavy, but real scholarship will also dig up some interesting insights. April, May, June and July will foreshadow some extremely radical activism in 1995. New political leadership will arise from among the "kids" born in the mid-'60s (now turning 30!). Elections in November 1994 should take a sharp turn to the left, setting off some interesting power struggles in December.

SUN SIGNS

ARIES: This year you will find yourself honing your skills in dealing with death and loss. You may just find yourself losing a lot of friends, or you might take a more active approach to the planetary transits. Volunteering with a hospice or Shanti or Family Link you can put yourself into a situation where you befriend the dying and experience loss in a relatively controlled, and much more supportive, situation. The aspects also bode well for taking a responsible position in a sex club.

TAURUS: This should be a great year for your partnership, or a great year to start one. (Although sometimes this transit "backfires" and you learn to be very happy being single! Either way you will find contentment regarding the issue of relationships.) Legal matters should go well for you so don't be scared of any court proceedings. You are at the peak of your career this year and will soon head into a 15-year period of coasting and reorganizing. Be sure to consolidate your gains while you can!

GEMINI: You have a tremendous amount of work ahead of you, but with a little effort you should be able to find work you enjoy. In April and August you should be able to find ways to tie your work in with travel or educational opportunities. In the next couple of years you'll reach the apex of a 15-year career upswing. Take advantage of this year's transits to get yourself into work that will not only be enjoyable, but that will also serve as a launching platform for the next (and possibly last) great step up before the next 15 years of coasting and reorganizing.

CANCER: This will be your year for new and interesting sexual adventures. The stars show you pushing your limits to new frontiers and having a wonderful time! Although erotic pleasures are highlighted this year, so are other, less delicious, challenges. This can also be a year of learning to deal more creatively with the burdens of death and dying. Challenges to your metaphysical convictions also lie ahead. As long as you can meet those challenges with an open mind and an open heart you will find yourself growing in ways you've never imagined possible.

LEO: Is this the year you two move in together? Or is it the year you get free and live on your own? In 1994, relationships are going to continue to be challenging, but you can have tremendous good luck vis-a-vis family and living situations. The "challenge" in your relationship could even be learning to live together at a deeper level of commitment. Planetary aspects are in fact quite good for buying property or signing a lease together. They might also include the challenge of starting a family. Children could easily be a part of the picture.

VIRGO: Your hard work is going to continue at least a bit longer. Fortunately you enjoy the opportunity to hone your skills and make work more effective. If you're not enjoying it, find another job. Right now, hard work is inevitable, but it doesn't have to be unpleasant. If you're not enjoying the challenge, discuss the situation with friends and get a clearer idea of what you'd rather be doing. As the picture comes into focus, you can find ways to get into your desired position. Even just knowing that there is a possibility of moving on can help you endure a difficult situation and focus on working effectively, thus beefing up your resume.

LIBRA: You've been enjoying a lucky streak lately. In 1994 you can expect your luck to narrow in focus, but that focus is money. You could make a lot and/or you could make it doing what you like. The two are not mutually exclusive. Turning your creative skills to profit can be very effective, especially in April and August. Those are also excellent times for investments, lotteries, and gambling. Your social life (So important for a Libra!) will continue to revolve around work and constructive activities. When you want to get out you'll have a better time if you volunteer at fund-raisers or take on some sort of task at the function.

SCORPIO: 1994 will be your lucky year! All kinds of goodies are sure to come your way. Take advantage of opportunities as they come up. Travel and educational benefits are especially likely to fall into your lap. Your domestic or family situation may remain a sticky situation despite dazzling luck elsewhere. Even then you may be able to combine challenge with opportunity, especially in late April or in August. Take advantage of the drop in the real estate market and buy a house perhaps? In dealing with family problems, your best strategy is to set limits and hold firmly to them.

SAGITTARIUS: This year blessings will come in disguise. It may be well into 1995 before you realize that the challenges of this coming year can be turned to your advantage. Keeping a journal or attending to any sort of recording or writing discipline will help you focus on the positive. Time alone for meditation or self-examination will also help the year go by a lot more smoothly. Your financial situation will get a little saner this year, but it will be some time before it really settles down. Continue to trust in your intuition and be ready for fiscal surprises.

CAPRICORN: Financial challenges will persist for a while longer yet, but as they do you will find your friends extremely helpful. Your sign is typically blessed with the ability to make good long-range plans. Right now this vision will be especially useful. Scarce as resources seem now, late April and August will prove excellent times to invest funds at hand. In the meantime set your game plan, revise it as you think it over, discuss it with some of your more sensible friends (Scorpios are especially helpful now!) and you'll know just when and how to make your move. *Happy Birthday: Greta Christina, Evelyn Condon, Raphaelle McMahon, & Robin Sweeney!*

AQUARIUS: You've been working awfully hard recently, and the hard work, extra responsibility and maturity will continue into this year. If it's work you enjoy and find meaningful, you're in good shape. If not, change jobs or find ways to make the one you have more meaningful. This year especially you can use that work to promote yourself. You easily fall into the spotlight and your reputation—whatever that is—will quickly spread. It should be easy enough for you to get your good hard work noticed and to climb up any ladders that notice makes available.

PISCES: This is an good year for you to go find an ivory tower and sequester yourself for studies, preferably of an otherworldly nature: religion, philosophy, metaphysics, psychology... or work on a fantasy novel, or an allegorical autobiography, or... Well, I leave it to your famously fertile imagination. You may find opportunities to travel, especially to sites of great spiritual importance. Late April and late August are the best times for this. With some focus and meditation you can find the discipline you need to stick to your studies and writing. ✿

THE SAN FRANCISCO
BAY TIMES CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THE BAY AREA

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DEC 30 / T H U

"Singing for Your Life," Quest, Grace Cathedral Center for Spiritual Wholeness, presents their 4th annual program, a 24-hour musical event to welcome the new year. Join Bobby McFerrin's group *Voicestra* and hundreds of other Bay Area singers who will be singing continuously in Grace Cathedral from 6 pm tonight to 6 pm tmw. During this time the 37-foot Labyrinth will be open to the public for walking. All are welcome anytime (day or night) to participate in this celebration of meditation & music. Free. 1051 Taylor St, SF. Info: 776-6611.

Rainbow's End support group for lesbian, gay, bisexual & questioning youth meets tonight, see 12/16.

Molly Ivins, political columnist & author (*Nothing But Good Times Ahead, Molly Ivins Can't Say That, Can She?*) speaks as part of City Arts & Lectures' "Talking at the Herbst" lecture series. 8 pm, $14. Info/res: 392-4400.

Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group meets 7:30-9 pm at MidPeninsula YWCA, 4161 Alma, Palo Alto. Tonight's theme: Let's Get Trivial! Night of your favorite board games—all women are welcome! Info: Marilyn (415) 583-1649 or Lynn (408) 737-9229.

Seattle's 4 Big Girls in "Bigger Than A Breadbox" a night of hilarious in-your-face performance by this African-American Lesbian Comedy Quartet from Seattle. Group uses humor, movement & music to address issues of sexuality, self-hate, self-love, body image, race & gender. Thru 12/31. 7:30 & 9:30 pm; tix $12 & $15. Theatre Rhinoceros, 2926 16th St., SF. Info/res: 861-5079.

New Horizons social/support group for lesbian, gay & bisexual adults ages 21-29 meets tonight, see 12/16.

Funnyfolks Marga Gomez & Mark Davis team up to bring in the new year with lots of laughs at Josie's Cabaret, tonight thru 1/2 at 8 pm; with added 10 pm shows on New Year's Eve & 1/1. Tix $10 Thurs & Sun, $15 New Year's Eve, $12 Sat. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

4th Annual Year to Dismember: 1993 A Queer Year in Review—Stars Tom Ammiano & Karen Ripley in their annual roast of the past year. Night of caustic & ribald queer wit, too good to miss! Tonight at 8 pm, tmw at 8 & 10 pm at New Conservatory Theatre Center, 25 Van Ness Ave near Market, SF. Tix $12 for the 8 pm performances, $15 for 10 pm performance (includes complimentary glass of champagne or Calistoga, and party favors). Info/res: 861-8972.

Out on Screen, the 1st International Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual Film & Video Festival of the Young & Old, seeks help to organize upcoming festival (Sept 1994). People with any info relating to young & old sectors of the community, or video & film, are welcome. Info: Curtis Draves 285-2897 or Artists Television Access 824-3890.

Celestial Krewe de Cuir monthly mtg: 7 pm at 4019 18th St, SF. Hosted by Krewe Captain Rick Schultz. Bring your own refreshments. Event preceded by 5:30-6:30 pm social hour at Headquarters. Info: 863-4292.

Guava Jelly presents Acid Jazz with *Slide 5* at the End Up, 401 6th St at Harrison, SF. 10 pm, $5. Info: 552-8260 or 543-7700.

DEC 31 / F R I

Seattle's 4 Big Girls in "Bigger Than A Breadbox" at Theatre Rhino. Final day! See 12/30.

Heart of Relating. For lesbian & gay couples & friends—A powerful wkend course (thru 10/31) on how to create more of what you really want in your life & relationships. Info: LoveWorks, 572-1999.

Mt Tam Hike with SF Hiking Club: Mountain Home to Mountain Theatre and return. Moderate 6.5 mile hike with 1100-ft elevation gain. Cost per car $7 (covers gas & bridge toll), to be shared among passengers. Rain cancels. Meet 9:30 am at the big Safeway sign, Market & Dolores, SF. Info: 647-0574.

Old Lesbian Halloween Dance spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) and Old Lesbians Organizing for Change (OLOC). Women of all ages are welcome! 3-6 pm, $7.50 adv, $10 at door, $5 low income and 60-plus. St John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Ave, Berkeley. Info: Pat or Rosemary 626-7000 ext 135 or 114.

NGLTF (Nat'l Gay & Lesbian Task Force) meets 6:30 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF.

At A Different Light Bookstore: Comic book illustrator/writer Tim Barela celebrates publication of the latest installment of the *Leonard & Larry* series. 3 pm. 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.

A Year to Dismember: 4th annual Queer Year in Review! See 12/30.

Lesbian Uprising! discusses the politics of eating: What do we eat, what don't we eat, and why—a spirited & informative political meeting, don't miss! Info/location: 661-3886.

They're a Primal Scream—Dos Fallopia bring their special lunacy to Josie's, Jan. 13-16. See calendar for info.

NGLTF (Nat'l Gay & Lesbian Task Force) meets 6:30 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF.

New Horizons group for lesbian, gay & bisexual young people meets tonight, see 1/21.

New Year's at Elbo Room: Soul/funk/rare groove with *Soulvation*. 10 pm, $3. Valencia near 17th St, SF. Info: 552-7788.

Kiki & Herb (Justin Bond & Kenny Mellman) at Eichelberger's Restaurant, 2742 17th St, SF. Every Friday night at 11 pm. Tix $7. Info/res: 863-4177.

Cafe Du Nord New Year's Eve Celebration with the *Broun Fellinis*. Tix $6. 2170 Market St, SF. Info/res: 861-5016.

Int'l New Year's Eve Party spons by Girth & Mirth Club. Fun starts at 9 pm. Event includes "international food buffet" celebrating the ethnic diversity of the SF Bay Area. 401 Twin Peaks Blvd, SF. Info: 824-0260.

Clean & Sober New Year's Eve Dance: Benefit for Living Sober 1994 conference spons by the gay & lesbian members of AA and Al-Anon. AA/Al-Anon meetings 8-9 pm, dance 9 pm-1 am. Childcare available for kids ages 13 & under. Tix $15-$10. 401 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: Jim P 621-3349 or Cynthia P 387-1805.

New Year's at the Palace: 12th Annual Comedy & Dance Extravaganza, featuring Tom Kenny, Sue Murphy & Johnny Steele. 7 pm, $20, 9:30 pm, $45 includes free champagne at midnight and DJ dancing till 3 am to the Quake sound & light show. Palace of Fine Arts Theater, 3301 Lyon St, SF. Proceeds benefit Children with AIDS. Produced by the Other Cafe & KFOG. Info/tix: 392-4400 and at BASS.

BACW New Year's Eve Dance for Women: Live music with *Deuce* and DJ Lori Z. Sit-down dinner & dessert buffet. Grand Hyatt Hotel, Union Square, SF. Tix $80. No door sales! Make your reservations early. Call 495-5393.

1st Annual Black Lesbian New Year's Eve Ball: Spectacular eve of performance, dining, dancing & other wonderful surprises. 6:30 pm-1:30 am at the Parc Hotel, 1001 Broadway, Oakland. Produced by Calafia. Tix & other info: Lisa (510) 465-6294. Or purchase tix at Head Designs, 6552 Telegraph Ave in Oakl, or at Calafia, 1496 Fulton St in SF.

12th Annual New Year's Eve Comedy Jam: Eve of improv, music, stand-up comedy, special guests & lots of fun. Bay City All-Stars annual collection of the nation's best improv talent. Icludes The Committee, Comedy Store Players, Metropolis, Spaghetti Jam & Comedy Underground. Show starts at 9:30 pm, dinner available at 8:30 pm ($15) at Morty's Nightclub, 1024 Kearny St, SF. Show tix $15. Info/res: 252-6432.

New Year's Eve Party & Show: "Scum: The Valerie Solanas Story." A special New Year's Eve performance, with post-performance Factory-style party—free champagne, hors d'oeuvres, "party favors", music, films, dancing & live stage acts! 10 pm showtime, party till 2 am. Tix $40 couple, $25 individual. Info/res: 552-3034. Marilyn Monroe Memorial Theater, 96 Lafayette St, btwn 11th & 12th (off Howard), SF.

IMA New Year's Eve: Celebration dinner show & dance with Kathryn Warner & Sandy Ayala (smokin' bluesy folk) and Sharon Burch (Navajo folk). Institute for the Musical Arts Center/Retreat, 585 Salmon Creek Road, Bodega. Tix $25-$50 SL fee. Info/reg: (707) 876-3004.

3rd annual "Best of Comedy" New Year's Eve gala at the Marin Veteran's Auditorium features Mark Curry of ABC's "Hangin' with Mr Cooper," Doug Ferrari, winner of the 1984 comedy competition and T Marni Vos, one of only 6 women to make the finals in this prestigious comedy competition. Tix $35 gen'l, $50 gold circle (includes post-show reception with the comics). Info/res: 472-3500 or BASS.

4th Annual Year to Dismember 1993. A Queer Year in Review: Annual comedy bash featuring comics Tom Ammiano & Karen Ripley, see 12/30 listing for details. Don't miss!

Japanese Bell Ringing Ceremony: 9th annual event to ring in the New Year at Asian Aret Museum. 11 am. Features a 2000-lb bronze bell, originally from Tajima Province in Japan, installed specially for this event. Golden Gate Park, SF. Info:668-6404.

Tott's Big Block Party: Multi-venue New Year's Eve extravaganza. *Roy Rogers and the Delta Rhythm Kings* headline at "Big Blues," an intimate blues club. "Big Laughs" features a cozy comedy club with Margaret Cho, Michael Meehan & others. "Big Bang," techno dance club features DJ stylings of Super DJ Dmitry and "Evil" Eddie Richards. "Big Gig" features Chris Isaak and his band, *Silvertone*. Taking the stage before Isaak—Grammy Award winner Jody Watley, with reggae masters *Wailing Souls* opening the show. "Big Mambo" features mambo king Tito Puente. Party begins at 8 pm and stretches from the Concourse East (7th Street) to the Fashion Center (8th & Townsend) in SF. Tix: $45 adv (available at BASS or the Fashion Center Box Office) or $50 at door. Info: 864-1561.

Bluejeans New Year's Eve Party with champagne, party favors & music with *Bluejeans*. Tix $10.

First Night San Francisco: SF becomes the 101st city in the US & Canada to present a "First Night" celebration, a gala community-based, non-alcoholic New Year's Eve entertainment festival. Tonight Fort Mason Center's collection of theaters, museums & pier pavilions turns into a safe, non-alcoholic, family-oriented New Year's Eve party. A diverse array of artists present entertainment ranging from puppet shows, jugglers, clowns, New Pickle Circus performance for kids, "Friday Night Live" teen dance, art exhibits, classical music receptions, live theater, dancing to live bands, food & non-alcoholic drinks. Schedule: **Cowell Theater**—New Pickle Circus, Theatre Valentine, Modus Ensemble; dance with Liss Fain Dance Co, Anne Bluethenthal & Dancers, Ben Carter Dancers. **Magic Theater**—Bay Area Theatresports, percussion music with Kenneth Nash & *Tribal Instincts*. **Festival Pavilion**—Oakland Jazz Choir, Irish music with Todd Denman & dancers, SF Taiko Dojo drummers, Andean music with Inkari, Wise Fool Puppet Intervention, puppeteer Bob Hartman, Comedia dell 'Arte with Theatre Forte, "Visions in Ice" carving contest & food & drink booths. **Herbst Pavilion**—"Friday Night Live" teen dancing. **Fire House**—Visual art exhibit by Bay Area artists. **Italo Americano Museo**—storytelling by Joel Ben Izzy, classical music by SF Conservatory. **African American Historical Society**—storyteller Carlos Ramirez, jazz with *Calvin Keyes Trio* **Folk Art & Craft Museum**—storytelling. Earlier events (5-7 pm) are geared toward families & children; adult programming from 7-11:30 pm, with spectacular indoor laser light show at midnight. Tix $10 adv, $12 at event, $2 discount for srs & stdnts. Free parking at Crissy Field, with shuttle provided. Info/tix: (415) 392-4400 or (510) 762-BASS. Ft Mason Center, Marina Blvd, foot of Laguna, SF.

Sex & Zen, outrageous new film from Hong Kong, directed by Michael Mak. A young Buddhist monk decides to indulge his sexual desires to the fullest and arranges to have an organ transplant from a splendidly endowed horse. At Roxie Cinema. Showtimes: 6, 8 & 10 pm; Sat, Sun & Wed matinees at 2 & 4 pm.

JAN 1 / S A T

New Year's Day Hike with SF Hiking Club: Wunderlich Park, San Mateo County. Relatively easy 6-mile hike, 1,000 ft elevation gain. Auto distance 70 miles roundtrip; cost per car $7, to be shared among passengers. Bring lunch & water, dress in layers. Carpool meets 10:30 am under the big Safeway sign, Market & Dolores St, SF. Info: 826-3489 BEFORE 10 pm.

New Year's Day Hike with Marin BACW (Bay Area Career Women). Moderate hike, with fabulous bay views and beautiful plant life. Bring lunch & beverage. Meet 10 am at Mountain Home Inn parking lot (weather permitting) or call Marie Annette for info/directions: 381-0980. $2.

Alameda Run with Eastbay Frontrunners: Take High St exit off Hwy 880; follow High St west toward Alameda to Otis St. Turn right & follow across bridge. Turn right on Island Dr & immediately right onto Veterans Court. Meet 10 am at end of court. Info: Roz (510) 939-3579 or Greg (510) 482-4391.

Gay/Lesbian Sierrans "Celebrate Surviving the Holidays" Stroll: Leisurely 3.5-4 mile walk along SF's Ocean Beach, from the Cliff House to the Zoo. Bring lunch & water, dress in layers, gloves & hats. Meet 11 am at the parking lot above Sutro Baths, Lands End (NW corner of Geary Blvd). Call voicemail: 281-5666 for info/directions. Rain cancels.

Today's the deadline for reservations for Gay/Lesbian Sierrans' Cosumnes River trip—see 1/8 listing for details.

Marin Women's Support Group spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets 1:30 pm today & 1/18. For info/location: Betty 479-6643.

Football-Free Zone at Old Wives' Tales Bookstore! Store open from noon-6 pm today; refreshments served. Come browse! 1009 Valencia St, SF. Info: 821-4676.

Marga Gomez & Mark Davis: Begin your New Year with a night of laughs at Josie's Cabaret with two of SF's funniest comics. Two shows! 8 & 10 pm, $12. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

At Elbo Room: DJ dance presented by Massive. Valencia nr 17th St, SF. Info: 552-7788.

New Year's Day Run with SF Frontrunners. Meet 9 am at the Golden Gate Bridge for Frontrunners' traditional first run of the year. Info: John 863-0954.

Black Eyed Pea Party: New Year celebration spons by Black & White Men Together (BWMT)-SF Bay Area. Special menu: collard greens (prosperity), black eyed peas (good luck), fried chicken (good taste). Plus sweet potato pie, macaroni & cheese, peach cobbler and other delicious desserts. 2-6 pm. $15. Event also features music, entertainment & dance (if you can still move after dinner), plus optional Kwanzaa celebration. Adv tix purchase suggested, call Shurland 255-8730, Eric 468-0856 or Duane 885-6678. 1350 Waller St (off Masonic), SF. No-host bar.

JAN 2 / S U N

Comedy at Josie's Cabaret with Marga Gomez & Mark Davis. 8 pm, $10. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

California Women's Chorus holds Vocal Scholarship Auditions for singers ages 18-25. The application deadline has been extended to 1/15 (auditions take place 2/5 in San Rafael). For application/info write to California Women's Chorus, PO Box 2102, Mill Valley 94942 or call 383-3712. $2,500 first prize, plus two additional prizes to be awarded to audition winners. Winners will appear as guest soloists at the CWC concert in May.

At Whiptail Lizard Lounge: Women's potluck dinner at 6 pm, followed by 7 pm collective meeting. 4035 18th St, SF. Whiptail Lizard Lounge is an alcohol, drug & smoke-free alternative dyke space. Info: 267-6979.

G Forty Plus Mtg: 2-4 pm at First Unitarian Church, Franklin & Geary, SF. Program: "G Forty Plus Welcomes BWMT". Talk by Black & White Men Together's Duane Rayford on how the group has evolved and how it relates to all of us. Info: 552-1997.

JAN 3 / M O N

Bi-Friendly SF meets at 7 pm tonight & 1/10 for food, drink & conversation at

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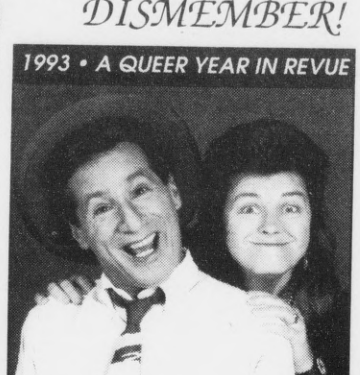

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The Village Deli, 495 Castro St, SF. Friendly bisexuals (and bi-friendly others) are welcome! Info/calendar: Pierre 648-6332.

Women Writers Group spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets 6-8 pm tonight & 1/17 at OC, 1853 Market St, SF. Led by lesbian feminist author Martha Courtot. Info: 626-7000.

Gay Comedy Open Mike at Josie's Cabaret with emcee Danny Williams. 8 pm, $5. Aspiring lesbian & gay comics sign up by phone. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

Mini Pearl Necklace, with Rodney O'Neal Austin, Eric Schultz & Christine Green. 9:30 pm, $2. Don't miss this kooky country band that features Rodney O'Neal Austin, "front wo-MAN" & lead singer of this band that "likes to piss in the mainstream". Every Mon in January at Cafe Du Nord, 2170 Market St at Sanchez, SF. Info/res: 861-5016.

Registration begins for Billy DeFrank Lesbian & Gay Community Center's winter schedule of classes. Topics offered include women's personal defense, treatment of gays during the Holocaust, turning dreams into reality, script writing & female characterization in films. Classes last 5-6 weeks. 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose. Info/reg: (408) 293-AGAY.

Gay Spirituality Discussion Group meets 7:30-9:30 pm. Tonight's topic: Personal Spiritual Reflections, 1993. Mtg focused on shared personal experiences by men from all spiritual/religious traditions. The Parsonage, 555A Castro St, SF. Info: 552-2909.

JAN 4 / T U E

At El Rio: *Baobob*, 7 pm-2 am; rhythm & roots with DJ Mongrel, 8 pm-midnight, no cover; tonight & 1/11. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

Bi-Friendly Eastbay meets 7:30 pm tonight & 1/11 at Au Coquelet, 2000 University Ave at Milvia, Berkeley. Info: Betsy (510) 845-7441.

BACW Sonoma Genl Mtg: Help Bay Area Career Women plan New Year's fun. Info/directions: Lorell 935-3973.

At A Different Light Bookstore: Mark Ewert reads from his novel-in-progress, *Courage*. 7:30 pm. 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.

At Modern Times Bookstore: Barbara Wilson reads from her new lesbian mystery novel, *Trouble in Transylvania*. 7:30 pm. 888 Valencia St, SF. Info: 282-9246.

Funny Gay Males at Josie's Cabaret: NY's acclaimed trio of openly gay comics (Jaffe Cohen, Danny McWilliams, Bob Smith) return to Josie's for nine performances (1/4-12 at 8 pm, with an added 10 pm show on 1/7, no show on 1/10. Howlingly funny show is not just about being gay, it's a look at the world thru the eyes of three very different, very funny stand-up comics. Tix $10 ($12 Fri & Sat). 3583 16th St, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

How Then Shall We Live?, a video presentation by Ram Dass at Amron Metaphysical Center, 2254 Van Ness Ave, SF. 7 pm, free. Info: 775-0227.

Jazz at Elbo Room with *Charlie Hunter Trio*. Valencia nr 17th, SF. Info: 552-7788.

Queer rock with *Pansy Division* at Bottom of the Hill, 1233 17th St, SF. 10 pm.

Foggy City Dancers: Gay & lesbian square dancing at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. 1st floor. Free intro dance class! 7:30-9:30 pm. Info: 905-4546.

JAN 5 / W E D

Rare funk & jazz grooves with DJ Nakaya at El Rio, 3158 Mission St, SF. Tonight & 1/12, 9:30 pm-1:30 am, no cover. Info: 282-3325.

SF Hiking Club monthly club mtg/social: 7:30 pm at Eureka Valley Rec Center, Collingwood nr 18th (next to Cala Market), SF. Program: "Holidays in Hawaii," show of recent slides by Frank Pietronigro of the rainforest, tropical flowers & people of Kalani Houna, the site of the Hawaiian Men's Gatherings.

Shoreline Park/Alameda Run with Eastbay Frontrunners. Take 23rd Ave exit off Hwy 17 to Kennedy St. Continue on Kennedy onto Park St. Cross Park St Bridge into Alameda, continue to end of Park St. Meet 6:30 pm at the intersection of Park & Shoreline Drive. Flat 3.5 mile loop. Info: Roz (510) 939-3579 or Greg (510) 482-4391. Run repeats on 1/12.

Men's Discovery Discussion Group meets 3-5 pm at Francis of Assisi, 145 Guerrero St, SF. Topic: Gay & Press—Friend or Foe? Group led by George Birmisa. Spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders). Info: 626-7000.

Marin Gay & Bisexual Men Drop-in Rap Group. First meeting tonight! Group will meet every Wed night, 7:30-9 pm, at the Spectrum offices, 1000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd, San Anselmo. Spons by Spectrum Center for Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Concerns. Info/directions: 457-1115.

Sandra Bernhard takes the stage, New Year's Eve in the City. Check the calendar for complete info. Photo by Jane Philomen Cleland.

Funny Gay Males at Josie's Cabaret, see 1/4.

Soul & Funk with DJ R Pause at Elbo Room, Valencia nr 17th, SF. 10 pm, $2. Info: 552-7788.

Women, Body Image & Empowerment Group for women meets Wed 7:30-9 pm, beginning tonight. Focus on how body image—real or imagined—affects the choices women make & the connection between self-definition & self-determination. Led by Zora Kolkey, MA. Jewish Community Center of SF, 3200 California St, SF. 6-wks, $96. Info/reg: 346-6040.

Men's Group at Jewish Community Center of SF: Wed 8-10 pm, beginning tonight. Postitive setting for men to share concerns about personal & professional issues. Led by Michael Freeman. Freeman has been active in the men's movement for several years. 4-wks, $80. 3200 California St, SF. Info: 346-6040.

Out on Screen, the 1st Int'l Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual Film & Video Festival of the Young & Old seeks your help, see 12/30.

JAN 6 / T H U

Gay by the Grace of God: 4-wk program about what the Bible does and does not say about homosexuality. Offered by the Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) of SF, a lesbian/gay/bisexual/transgender fellowship. Everyone welcome! Series led by Rev Bob McGrath. Thurs eves, tonight thru 1/27, 7:30-9 pm. 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 863-4434.

Marin BACW Business Mtg: Bay Area Career Women discuss/plan upcoming events. Info/directions: Janice 383-6737.

Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group meets 7:30-9 pm at MidPeninsula YWCA, 4161 Alma, Palo Alto. Tonight's topic: Lessons Learned in 1993. Come share your reflections on 1993 & your plans for 1994. All women are welcome! Info: Marilyn (415) 583-1649 or Lynn (408) 737-9229.

At A Different Light Bookstore: Larry Gross reads from *Contested Closets: The Politics & Ethics of Outing*. 7:30 pm. Info: 431-0891.

At Modern Times Bookstore: Novelist Jewelle Gomez (*The Gilda Stories*) reads from *Forty-Three Septembers*, her new collection of essays on the complexities of being Black, lesbian, Native American and growing up poor. 7:30 pm. 888 Valencia St, SF. Info: 282-9246.

New Horizons Support/Social Group for lesbian, gay & bisexual adults ages 21-29 meets tonight & 1/13. 7:45-8 pm drop-in time for first-time visitors, 8-9:30 pm group time for everyone. Info: 457-1115 or 457-3523.

PARENTS & KIDS BOX

First Night-SF: New Year's Eve bash at Fort Mason Center. A spectacular alcohol-free, family-friendly celebration of the arts. 5 pm-midnight. Special child-oriented programs scheduled for the early part of the evening, with entertainment by clowns, giant puppets, classical & jazz musicians and storytellers. For details see Main Calendar, 12/31 listing.

Lesbian Moms Gathering at Whiptail Lizard Lounge: 1/9, noon-3 pm. All moms & children are welcome (boy children ages 10 and under, please). 4035 18th St (one block east of Castro), SF. Info: Margaret 267-6979.

Spectrum Center Lesbian & Gay Parents Group spons by panel discussion, "Teens & Young Adults Speak Out: Growing Up in Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Families," 1/21, 7-9 pm in the Geneva Room, First Presbyterian Church, corner of 5th & E, San Rafael. Childcare provided, $3 per family, $1 for each additional child. Newcomers welcome! Info: 457-1115.

The Rainbow Clinic at UCSF: Pediatric clinic for kids up to age 18 with lesbian & gay parents. Sensitive, supportive environment with healthcare by lesbian & gay providers. Support group offered for children of lesbians & gays, ages 10-18 (group meets biweekly). Info: 476-1777.

Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services Parenting Program provides a wide variety of parenting resources. For details, call 565-7674. 1748 Market St, Ste 201, SF.

The Alternative Family Project offers low-fee family counseling services for children, youth & families with lesbian, gay and/or bisexual members. Individual & family therapy and group therapy for young adults raised in gay and/or lesbian-headed families is available. Info: Alternative Family Project 550-2621.

Randall Museum Programs: Workshops & classes for all ages; kids under 8 must be accompanied by an adult. Plenty of free parking available. Sat workshops begin at 1 pm and last 1-2 hrs. Sign-ups begin at 12:30, call 554-9600 for details. **Sat Scheduled Classes:** 1/8, $3/person: **Wooden Sculptures**. Create fanciful wooden sculptures by hot gluing odd-shaped pieces of wood. Taught by Chris Boettcher. 1/15, $4/person: **"I Have A Dream" Shadow Boxes**. Make shadow boxes using mixed media materials, commemorating Martin Luther King's dream & exploring your own dreams of freedom for all people. Taught by Julie Dodd Tetzlaff. 1/22, $3/person: **Zappers!** Discover the magic of magnets & electricity, perform amazing experiments, use a solar-powered motor, make a magnetic compass & electromagnet to take home. Taught by Julie Willers. 1/29, $3/person: **Footprint T-Shirts**. Learn what animal footprints can tell you. Compare the feet of several live animals. Print an animal track story or your own key to animal tracks. Bring a 100 percent cotton T-shirt or pillowcase from home, or buy a T-shirt from the museum for $4. Taught by Margaret Goodale. **Other Saturday Programs:** Free **"Animal Talk,"** at 2:15 pm every Sat. 199 Museum Way, SF. **Winter Afterschool Classes** begin 1/18. new science staff offers an awesome bunch of classes, including "Dinosaur Worlds," "Gizmos & Electricity," "Stage Puppets," "Wildlife Explorations thru Art & Science," and much more. Prices range from $17-$44 for an 8-week session. Teen classes include "Potters Wheel for Teens," "Basic Electronics" and "Lapidary," prices range from $35-$44 for an 8-wk session. Parent-child classes include "Dolls, Puppets & Masks," "Clay Magic," and "Flutterbys & Flutterers." $13-$22 per person for 8-wk session. Classes fill up quickly, so early registration is advised. Spons by the SF Recreation & Parks Dept. Info: 554-9600.

Bay Area Discovery Museum offers a wide variety of classes & programs for kids & parents. Adv reg required. Thai classical dancers, fruit carving demos, flower stringing and more. Call for program details. 557 East Fort Baker, Sausalito. Info: 332-7674.

Children's Progams at Ft Mason Center: **Make-A-Circus** offers participatory arts/social services, workshops, theater performances & community shows. Teens are encouraged to apply for the apprentice program. Other services include "clown therapy." Bldg C. 776-8477. **SF Children's Art Center** offers classes for children ages 2-12 in drawing, printmaking & sculpture. Small classes ensure individual attention. Prorated enrollment, drop-in classes & art birthday parties available. Bldg C. 771-0292. **Young Performers Theatre** features ongoing dramatic classes & productions for children ages 3 & up. Bldg C. 346-5550. **Jing Mo Athletic Association** Gung-fu for exercise & self-defense. Kids & adults. $35-25/mo. Bldg C. Call 753-1269 for further info.

For Kids at La Pena: 3105 Shattuck Ave nr Woolsey St, Berkeley; (510) 849-2568. Sat morning programs, 10:30 am, kids $2, adults $3. Call for schedule info.

For Kids at deYoung Museum: **"Doing & Viewing Art,"** for children ages 7-13. Tour of current exhibits, followed by studio workshops given by professional artist/teachers. Students learn about art by seeing & making it. Saturdays, 1/8, 22 & 29, 10:30 am-noon. Children accepted on a drop-in basis. Info: 750-3658. **For Children & Parents:** "Big Kids/Little Kids," for kids ages 3½-6 and their parents. Saturday morning (1/8, 22 & 29) art class designed for the creative child in everyone. Led by professional artists, young children & their parents see works of art in the museum, then participate in related art experiences. Free, but there's a $5 museum entrance fee for adults. 10:30 am-noon. Info: 750-3658.

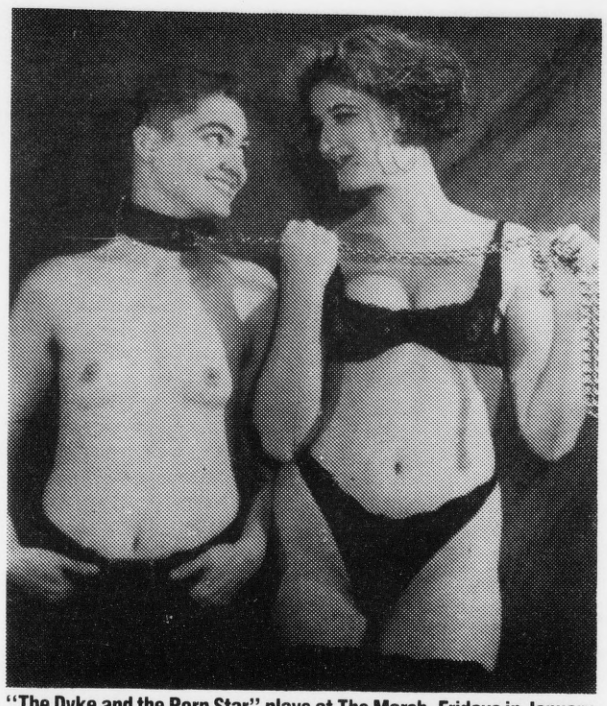
Lesbian Mothers Support Group spons by Operation Concern meets Tues 10:30 am-noon. Info: Saralie Pennington, LCSW, 626-7000, ext 173.

Stuart Little, a musical version of E.B. White's classic children's tale about a mouse and his adventures in New York City. Amusing play appeals to children of all ages, and their parents as well. 1/8 & 2/19; 10:30 am & 1 pm. Play also provides a fun way to celebrate a child's birthday, as the celebrant is given a special tribute at the beginning of each performance. Tix $6. Proceeds benefit the Children's Theatre Association's free performances for kids throughout the year. Trustee Auditorium, de Young Museum, Golden Gate Park, SF. Info/res: 387-7089.

Community Music Center 1994 Winter Quarter Registration: 1/7, 3-7 pm and 1/8, 10 am-1 pm. Register for private lessons or group classes on a first-come, first-served basis. Tuition fees are SL-based. Students must register where they plan to study—at 544 Capp St, SF or at the Richmond District branch, 741 30th Ave, SF. For program & other info call 647-6015.

Sperm Donors Wanted for lesbians. Rainbow Flag Health Services, (510) 763-7737 or (510) 763-SPERM. See Classified section under "Parenting" for details.

PLEASE NOTE: *Don't forget to check the Parenting sections of the Open Exchange Classifieds and the Resource Guide for more parenting resources.*



"The Dyke and the Porn Star" plays at The Marsh, Fridays in January. See OnStage for details. Photo by Louisa Suta.

Rainbow's End support group for lesbian, gay, bisexual & questioning youth ages 14-23 meets tonight & 1/13. 6:30-7 pm drop-in time for first-time visitors, 7-8:30 pm group time for everyone. Info: 457-1115 or 457-3523.
Funny Gay Males at Josie's Cabaret, see 1/4.
Soul at Elbo Room with *People People*. 10 pm, $2. Valencia nr 17th, SF. Info: 552-7788.
IWD Travel Challenge Mtg: Join women organizing an International Women's Day Travel Challenge to Cuba this March. Challenge inhumane US policy against Cuba which restricts US citizens from visiting the island. A chance to meet women in Cuba for dialogue, exchange & international solidarity. 7 pm at New College. 766 Valencia St, SF. Info: 995-4678.
Betty Bethards, mystic, healer and author, lectures on "Understanding 7-Year Cycles: Taking Risks & Welcoming Change," at Ft Mason Center, Bldg A, SF. 8 pm, $9 gen'l, $6 srs & youth. WA. Spons by Inner Light Foundation. Info: (707) 765-2200.
Guava Jelly presents night of funk, hip-hop & jazz with Josh Jones and *Human Flavor*. 10 pm, $5 at the End Up, 401 6th St at Harrison, SF. Info: 543-7700 or 552-8260.
"NAFTA: New Challenges for Credit Managers," forum for credit & financial executives involved with international trade. spons by the Foreign Credit Chapter (FCC) of the Credit Managers Association of California (CMAC). 11:30 am registration, followed by luncheon. Program 12:45-2 pm. Info/reg: Christy Schellenberg (510) 632-7500.
Capricorn Women Reggae Tour at the DNA Lounge, with Sister Carol, Sister I-Live and Ginger. Doors open at 8 pm. Tix $12 adv, $14 at door. Info: (510) 601-6314. 375 11th St, SF.

JAN 7 / F R I

At A Clean Well-Lighted Place for Books: Author Fae Myenne Ng reads from *Bone*, the story of two generations of the Leong family and their uneasy struggle to fathom the source of the family's sorrow. 7:30 pm. Opera Plaza, 601 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 441-6670.
At Mama Bears: Concert by contemporary folk duo *Chris & Carin* 8 pm, $8-10 SL donation. Women only. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info/res: (510) 428-9684.
Funny Gay Males at Josie's Cabaret, see 1/4.
"Sparks" (Electric City) returns for a 10th year of queer television. Runs every Fri, 10:30 pm, on SF cable channel 53. Info: 861-7131.
Scene Night at SF Playwright's Center. 7:30 pm. Blue Bear Theater, Ft Mason Bldg D, SF. 2nd floor.
"The Construction Stories," powerful solo performance by Marty Pottenger, based on her 20 years of experience as a carpenter, mason & construction worker. 8 pm, $20, tonight & tmw. Proceeds benefit Tradewomen, Inc and Theatre Rhinoceros. 2916 16th St, SF. Info/res: 861-5079.
American Historical Association *conference includes five panels organized by the Committee on Lesbian and Gay History at the SF Hilton—open to the public, no registration fees required. 9:30-11:30 am: "U.S. Lesbian/Gay History at Critical Crossroads." 2:30-4:30 pm: "Lesbian and Gay Studies in the Classroom," includes Karla Jay, Jack Collins, Allida Black.*

JAN 8 / S A T

Alternative Music Night at El Rio with *Eskimo, Zircus* and *Sluggo*. 3158 Mission St, SF. 10 pm. Info: 282-3325.
At Mama Bears: Acoustic trio *Final Girl* (Eve Decker, Andrea Prichett, Lisa Zeiler) in concert. 8 pm, $8-10. Women only. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: (510) 428-9684.
Beginning Tarot Class with Susan Levitt at Two Sisters Bookshop, 605 Cambridge Ave, Menlo Park. Noon-3 pm, $35. Info: 331-1028.
Lafayette-Moraga Trail Run with Eastbay Frontrunners. 9 am. Info/directions: Roz (510) 939-3579 or Greg (510) 482-4391.
Cosumnes River Preserve Oak Planting with Gay/Lesbian Sierrans. Trip to Cosumnes River Nature Conservancy Preserve (great clouds, beautiful riparian forest & the last un-dammed river in the Central Valley) south of Sacramento to plant oaks & help restore old agricultural land to valley oak forest. Then join the Conservancy staff for a bird walk. Meet 8 am at Thrifty, Church & Market, SF or at 10 am at the Preserve Barn (I-580 east, I-5 north to Twin Cities Road, east to Franklin Blvd, south to Desmond, east to the Barn). Bring lunch, liquid, sturdy shoes, work gloves, hat, field guides, binoculars, etc. Reservations by 1/1. Info: voicemail 281-5666.
Redwood Park Ramble with Gay/Lesbian Sierrans: 5-6 mile hike in Redwood Park, part of the East Bay Regional Park District. Trail steep at times, but pace is not hurried. Bring food, water, adequate clothing & boots. Meet 10 am sharp at the bottom of the stairs, Rockridge BART Station. Rain may cancel. Info: voicemail 281-5666.
Women's Brunch in the Eastbay with Gay/Lesbian Sierrans. 11 am-1:30 pm. Relaxed & friendly get-together—come find out about upcoming GLS events, and help plan new ones. Mtg followed by optional stroll at the Berkeley Marina. Bring potluck dish to share. Info: voicemail 281-5666.
Funny Gay Males at Josie's Cabaret, see 1/4.
Gay Comedy Night at Josie's Cabaret with Danny Williams, Mark Davis & Liz Olsen. 10 pm, $10. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.
Poker & Games Night at Whiptail Lizard Lounge. 8-11 pm. Don't miss (maybe you'll get your hands on a wild card!). 4035 18th St, SF. Alcohol-free, drug-free & smoke-free alternative dyke space. Info: 267-6979.
Wkshop: Dating thru the Personals. 10 am-5 pm, $45-60 SL fee, no one turned away for lack of funds. Taught by Leigh Roth, MS. Action-and-learning-packed workshop teaches you all there is know about successfully using the personals ads. Best suited for the highly motivated (doesn't matter if you're shy). Bring your best photo, be prepared to discuss your dating dilemmas & practice some interview techniques. Spons by UCSF Women's Resource Center. 513 Parnassus Ave, SF. Room C130. Pre-reg required, call 476-5222.
"The Construction Stories," by Marty Pottenger, 3 pm show, see 1/7. Final performance!
GAWK (Gay Artists & Writers Kollective) meets 3 pm today. For info/location, call Jon Sugar 731-2424.
Special Benefit Performance of "Jeffrey" tonight at Theatre on the Square. See Onstage for details.
Destination One: Reception for *Special Events Magazine*'s national conference. At Pier 32, SF. Proceeds benefit UCSF's Regional Pediatric AIDS Treatment Center. Tix $49. For info/res call Northern California Events Professionals (408) 734-9966.
Traditional 12th Night Party & Unmasking of the 1994 Leather Court: 8-11 pm. Chevaliers announced by the King of Leather V, Vern Stewart, and the Crown Prince of Leather V, Bill Gooch. Beer and soda bust, entertainment, 50-50 raffle. SF Eagle Patio. Tix $7.
At Komotion Int'l: Bye Bye Bedlam! Hip-happenin' send-off for *Bedlam Rovers* (off to Europe for 5-week tour). Show includes special guests *A Subtle Plague* and Lisa Palty. Doors open at 9:30 pm, show at 10. Tix $5. 2779 16th St, SF. Info: 861-6423.
Free Open House at Shiatsu Institute & Therapy Center of SF. Learn about certification programs in Shiatsu & Eastern healing arts. Noon-5 pm. Includes complimentary Shiatsu sessions & demos. 347 Dolores St (btwn 16th & 17th), SF. Ste 118 & 109. Info: 241-9740.
The Kronos Quartet and the *Throat Singers of Tuva* perform tonight at Stanford's Memorial Auditorium. Tix $25, $23, $21 & $19 ($3 discount for stdnts). Info/res: (415) 725-ARTS and at BASS outlets (408) 998-BASS & (510) 762-BASS.
Eve of spontaneous theater, comedy & song with Flash Family at New College Theater, 777 Valencia St, SF. 8:30 pm. Tix $12 gen'l, $10 srs, stdnts & kids. Info/res: 885-5678.
American Historical Association conference at SF Hilton. Committee on Gay and Lesbian History panels are open to public—no registration required. 9:30-11:30 am: "From Coast to Coast and In Between," includes Alan Berube, Katie Gilmartin. 2:30-4:30 pm: "Lesbian and Gay Studies in Other Disciplines," Monterey Room.

JAN 9 / S U N

Bi-Friendly Women's Hot-Tubbing Expedition: Meet 2 pm at Radio Valencia Cafe, Valencia & 23rd St, SF. Group leaves at 3 pm for hot tub at Osento, 955 Valencia St, SF. Women only. Info: Betsy (510) 845-7441.
Women's Sunday Afternoon Tea with Gay/Lesbian Sierrans. Sunday afternoon tea in SF Marina. 4-6 pm. Bring snack or something to drink, coffee & tea provided. 1242 Francisco St, SF, #3 (btwn Franklin & Van Ness). Info: voicemail 281-5666.
At A Different Light Bookstore: Mark Spainhower reads from his novel-in-progress, *California*. 7:30 pm. 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.
Second Sunday Series at Francis of Assisi—"Let's Talk: Issues that Separate or Diversities that Strengthen?" a conversation with Bay Area Old Lesbians. 3 pm. $3-5 suggested donation. Spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders). Info: 626-7000.
Men's Potluck Brunch spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders): Noon-3 pm at Francis of Assisi, 145 Guerrero St, SF. Bring a dish to share. Info: 626-7000.
Funny Gay Males at Josie's Cabaret, see 1/4.
Mocha Mixer Social spons by GAPA (Gay Asian Pacific Alliance) Community HIV Project. Enjoy music, conversation & refreshments at this coffeehouse social for Asian & Pacific Islander gay/bisexual men and their friends. 3-5 pm at Josie's Cabaret, 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info: Manny 575-1526.
GAWK (Gay Artists & Writers Kollective) meets 3 pm today. For info/location call Jon Sugar 731-2424.
Because This Is About Love: *A Portrait of Gay Marriage*, film screens at tonight's P-FLAG (Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays) meeting. 2-4 pm, St Francis Lutheran Church, 152 Church St at Market, SF. Info: 921-8850.
Lesbian Moms Mtg at Whiptail Lizard, see Parents & Kidsbox.
Cantate: Service of chanting, meditation & prayer. Free. Noe Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez St, SF. Info: 282-2317.

JAN 10 / MON

Bi-Friendly SF meets tonight, see 1/3.
Reading & Talking Women group spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets 6:30 pm at 77 Waller St, SF. Potluck supper/discussion. Book title: *The Revolution of Little Girls* by Blanche Boyd. Info: 626-7000.
Gay Comedy Open Mike at Josie's Cabaret, with emcee Danny Williams. 8 pm, $5. Aspiring gay & lesbian comics sign up by phone. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.
Mini Pearl Necklace at Cafe Du Nord, see 1/3.
"Tales of the City", series based on Armistead Maupin's popular, syndicated stories in the *SF Chronicle*, begins tonight on KQED TV Channel 9. 9 pm, Mon-Wed. Program repeats on 1/15, 8 pm & 2 am.
Santa Cruz Lesbian & Gay Chorus prepares for spring performances. Rehearsal 7-9 pm every Mon at Grace United Methodist Church Social Hall, on Soquel at Cayuga, Santa Cruz. New members are welcome! Info: Claire (408) 335-7756.
"Basic Tax & Recordkeeping Information for Self-Employed People," two-evening seminar spons by Options Institute & taught by tax practitioner. 7-9:30 pm tonight & 1/17. Oakland location. Info: (510) 482-1015.
John Edgar Wideman, (*Philadelphia Fire, Fever, Rueben, Brothers & Keepers*) novelist, short story writer, essayist & MacArthur Award winner, in an on-stage conversation with Ishmael Reed. Event opens City Arts & Lectures' 1994 "On Art & Politics" series. 8 pm, $14. Tix benefit the Women's Foundation. Herbst Theatre, 401 Van Ness at McAllister, SF. Info/res: 392-4400.

JAN 11 / T U E

At Old Wives' Tales Bookstore: Elise Young, author of *Keepers of History: Women & the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict* and Barbara Lubin, director of the Middle East Children's Alliance, discuss the role of women in the Israeli/Palestinian peace process. 8 pm, $3-10 SL donation, no one turned away for lack of funds. 1009 Valencia St, SF. Info: 821-4676.
Baobab at El Rio, see 1/4.
"Meet the Goddess of Ten Thousand Names," ritual class, part of a 12-wk drop-in series on pagan ritual & magic for women. Tonight's class includes Goddesses from every land and culture. Beginners are welcome! Tuesdays, 7:30-9:30 pm, $20-25 SL fee per class. No one turned away for lack of funds. Near Rockridge BART, Oakland. Info: Pati McDermott, psychic counselor & certified hypnotherapist, (510) 652-6355.
Bi-Friendly Eastbay meets tonight, see 1/4.
Printers Inc Bookstore: Robert Clark discusses his new biography of James Beard, one of the most influential figures in the American food industry. 8 pm. 310 California Ave, Palo Alto. Info: 327-6500.
At A Clean Well Lighted Place for Books: Robert Aitken, Roshi of the Honolulu Diamond Sangha, a Zen Buddhist society, reads from his latest book, *Encouraging Words: Zen Buddhist Teachings for Western Students*. Aitken also reads from his current essays and a work-in-progress. 7:30 pm. Opera Plaza, 601 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 441-6670.
At Modern Times Bookstore: Susan Griffin reads from *A Chorus of Stones: The Private Life of War*, an examination of the interplay between the public tragedy of war and the daily struggles of our private life. Book is a finalist for the Pulit-

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Adriana Diaz gives a workshop on Healing Through Creativity at Old Wives Tales, Jan. 13. Photo by Kim Harrington.

zer Prize for nonfiction. 7:30 pm. 888 Valencia St, SF. Info: 282-9246.

Funny Gay Males at Josie's Cabaret: See 1/4 listing for details.

"Introduction to the Mystery School," a presentation by Norma Tringali & her assistants, introducing and explaining the Amron Mystery School, opening on 1/28. 7 pm; free. Amron Metaphysical Center, 2254 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 775-0227.

Armistead Maupin's "Tales of the City" on KQED, see 1/10.

Foggy City Dancers: Gay & lesbian square dancing. Free intro dance class. 7:30-9:30 pm at Live Oak School, 117 Diamond St, SF. Info: 905-4546.

JAN 12 / WED

Funk & Jazz Night at El Rio, see 1/5.

At Printers Inc Bookstore: Michael Ondaatje, winner of the 1992 Booker Prize, reads from *The English Patient*.

At A Clean Well-Lighted Place for Books: Writer/journalist Stina Katchadourian reads from *Efronia: An Armenian Lover Story*. Based on the memoir of her mother- -in-law, the book tells the story of her tragic, secret relationship with Ramzi, a Persian Moslem, with whom she fell in love "for the first & last time" at 17. 7:30 pm. Opera Plaza, 601 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 441-6670.

Bringing Compassion to the Wounded Child: Workshop for women at Mama Bears, presented by Cheri Huber (author of *There is Nothing Wrong with You* and *The Depression Book: Depression as an Opportunity for Spiritual Practice*). This workshop is specifically designed for survivors of childhood trauma, but all survivors of childhood are welcome. 7 pm, women only. $5. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info/res: (510) 428-9684.

Shoreline Park Run with Eastbay Frontrunners. See 1/5 listing for details.

At A New Leaf Bookstore: Vicki Noble discusses her new book, *Down is Up for Aaron Eagle*, the story of her spiritual journey as the mother of a child with Down's Syndrome. 7:30 pm. 545 Magnolia, Larkspur. Info: 924-8970.

Funny Gay Males at Josie's Cabaret—final performance! See 1/4 listing for details.

Midlife Lesbian Support Group begins at Options for Women Over Forty. 8-wk group, low-cost. 6:30-8 pm. Facilitated by Lee Bowman, PhD (candidate). Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Info/reg: Options 431-6405.

Name Change Discussion: SF Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day Parade & Celebration Committee holds a town meeting 7:9:30 pm to discuss the proposed Parade Committee name change. Motion is before the general membership to change the organization's name to the SF Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual/Transgender Freedom Day Parade & Celebration Committee. To express your opinion on this issue you may attend tonight's meeting or you can become a member of the Parade Committee & vote on the issue at the 3/13 General Membership mtg. Non-members earn voting privileges by attending both the February & March monthly general membership mtgs (scheduled for 5 pm on the 2nd Sun of each month, 1/9, 2/13 & 3/13) at the parade office, 205 13th St, SF, room 3200 (in the Construction Center, corner of Mission St). Info: 864-3733.

Out on Screen Int'l festival seeks volunteers, see 12/30.

Armistead Maupin's "Tales of the City" on KQED, see 1/10.

Project Share Monthly Informational Gathering for Oakland & Berkeley residents interested in finding shared housing or sharing their home. 2:30 pm at 3102 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-9030.

JAN 13 / THU

At Old Wives' Tales Bookstore: "Healing Thru Creativity," a discussion with Margot Silk Forrest, editor of *The Healing Woman*; painter/teacher Adriana Diaz and musician Judith May. 8 pm, $3-10 SL donation, no one turned away for lack of funds. 1009 Valencia St, SF. Info: 821-4676.

At Printers Inc Bookstore: Poetry reading with CD Wright and Forrest Gander. 8 pm. 310 California Ave, Palo Alto. Info: 327-6500.

At A Clean Well-Lighted Place for Books: Bay Area authors Maxine Hong Kingston, Susan Ito & Kartar Dillon read from their contributions to *Growing Up Asian American: An Anthology*. 7:30 pm. Opera Plaza, 601 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 441-6670.

Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group meets 7:30-9 at MidPeninsula YWCA, 4161 Alma, Palo Alto. Tonight's topic: Exploring Your Sexual Values. Discussion on whether we're saying what we mean and getting what we want. Info: Lynn (408) 737-9229 or Marilyn (415) 583-1649. All women are welcome!

Men's Friendship Group spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets 2:45 pm at 711 Eddy St, SF. Info: 626-7000.

New Horizons social/support group for queer young adults meets tonight, see 1/6.

Rainbow's End, queer youth support group, meets tonight. See 1/6 listing for details.

Dos Fallopia, Seattle women's comedy duo (Lisa Koch & Peggy Platt) bring their outrageous kamikaze comedy to Josie's Cabaret. Evening of wickedly funny comedy from a women's point of view, with lots of razor-sharp wit, left-wing politics and general lunacy. DF's characters include British grunge rockers, The Surly Girls; the dysfunctional mother-daughter country superstars; retro-folkies Compost Morning Dew & Dolphin-Free Tuna Women; and Fran & Annie's 12-Step Day Care. 8 pm, $10. Show runs Thurs-Sun, 1/13-16 at 8 pm, with an added 10 pm show on 1/14. Tix $10 Thurs & Sun, $12 Fri & Sat. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

"Birth Order & Gender," a talk by Debbie Freed, MS, of Jewish Family & Children's Services, on sibling interactions & relevance to adulthood. $10 per couple. Jewish Community Center of SF, 3200 California St, SF. 6:30-8 pm. Info: 346-6040.

"The Protocols of the Elders of Feminism: On Censorship & Pornography," a lecture by feminist mystery writer Sara Paretsky. 8 pm, $14. Herbst Theatre, Van Ness at McAllister, SF. This is the last event in SF Public Library's 13th Annual Literary Events Series. Info: 392-4400.

"House Heroines," dance performance by Zeltzman & Colburn, in conjunction with Dancers Group/Footwork. Come share "an evening of death defying domesticity, dance and pontification". Athletic, postmodern & everyday movements combine into a lively & intricate urban tomboy funk dedicated to women, power & humor. Thurs-Sat at 8:30 pm, 1/13-15, 20-22. Tix $10. Info/res: 824-5044. Footwork, 3221 22nd St at Mission, SF.

on stage

Jeffrey, award-winning comedy by Paul Rudnick. Provocative comedy about a young NY actor/waiter who vows to give up sex, then meets a bartender who may be the man of his dreams. Play runs Tues-Thurs at 8 pm, Fri at 8:30 pm, Sat at 5 & 8:30 pm, Sun at 3 & 7 pm, thru 1/2. Tix $22-$30. **Special benefit performance for Artists Confronting AIDS** on 1/7 at 8 pm, $35 donation includes gala reception! Theatre on the Square, 450 Post St, SF, floor 2M. Info/res: 433-9500 or BASS.

Beach Blanket Babylon, SF's longest-running musical revue, continues its customary zaniness as Snow White takes a musical tour around the world in search of her prince. At Club Fugazi, 678 Green St, SF. Tix $17-$40. Info/res: 421-6788.

Scum: The Valerie Solanas Story by Kathi Georges. 1968: Valerie Solanas (*SCUM Manifesto*) shoots Andy Warhol. A true story of a seminal voice of the feminist movement. Marilyn Monroe Memorial Theater Co production. Play runs Thurs-Sat at 9 pm thru 1/23. Tix $10-$12. Marilyn Monroe Memorial Theater, 96 Lafayette St (btwn 11th & 12th, off Howard), SF. Info/res: 552-3034.

The Phantom of the Opera, award-winning musical by Andrew Lloyd Webber. Show runs Tues-Sat at 8 pm, Wed & Sat matinees at 2 pm, Sun matinee at 3 pm. Tix: $27.50-$65. No performances 12/24 & 1/2. Added performances 12/20 & 27 at 8 pm. Special New Year's Eve tix price—$50-$80. Tix at BASS. Curran Theatre, 445 Geary St, SF.

Bette Midler plays the Bill Graham Civic Auditorium in San Francisco thru 12/31. Proceeds benefit AIDS organizations. Don't miss! Call BASS for tix info.

Bewitched, the Play by John Lamas, based on the popular '60s television show. New Conservatory Theatre production. Proceeds benefit the New Conservatory HIV Touring Company. Runs Thurs-Sat thru 1/29, at 8 pm. New Conservatory Theatre Center, 25 Van Ness Ave, SF. Lower level. Info/res: 861-8972.

The Mathematics of Change: Josh Kornbluth presents his one-man show, a hilarious autobiographical monologue about an ambitious student's dreams of becoming the world's greatest mathematician. Wed-Sun, thru 1/9. Wed-Sat at 8:30 pm, Sun at 2 pm. Tix $12-$18. Info/res: 441-8822. Magic Theatre, Ft Mason Center, Bldg D, SF.

Lisa Vroman in Phantom of the Opera. Photo by Joan Marcus.

Box 27 by Michael Norman Mann. Play about how several professional soldiers are affected by the US military's policy on gays (Box 27 refers to a section on the form last used in 1988 for military personnel when re-enlisting, which asked "Are you a homosexual? Yes or No"). A gay officer extending his tour of duty in the Marines is struggling with whether to announce he is gay. His older lover, a Master Sergeant & friend of his hard-boiled conservative father, is opposed to "telling." New Conservatory Theatre production. Runs Wed-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 3 pm, 1/5-23. New Conservatory Theatre Center, 25 Van Ness Ave nr Market, SF. Tix $20 Fri & Sun, $17.50 all other performances. Info/res: 861-8972.

sheela-na-gig by Deirdre Herbert. Lascivious & humorous show features five women in an exploration of the Irish female psyche thru the portrayal of women from prominent Irish literature. Play runs Thurs-Sat, 1/6-29 at 8:30 pm. Tix $8-$12 on Thurs; $10-$12 on Fri & Sat. Info/res: 641-0235.

The Dyke & the Porn Star by Bayla Travis. A wry, funny, sexy, romantic & erotic look at aspects of modern lesbian romance. Chance is obsessed with Tara Gold, a porn star. Play tells the story of what happens when they get together (and into bed). Sophisticated comedy (based on a series of autobiographical experiences) stimulates the body as well as the mind. Marsh production. Runs Fridays in January, 10:30 pm, $7. The Marsh, 1062 Valencia St, SF. Info/res: 641-0235.

The Secretaries, new farce by New York's hilarious comedy troupe, Five Lesbian Brothers. Play centers on the fictional town of Big Bone, Oregon, and a muderous cult of Slimfast drinking, high-heel wearing, big-haired secreatries working in the front office of the Cooney Lumber Mill. The Mill has a weight requirement and a dress code. All the secretaries speak & type in several languages. They are members of an advocacy group called Big Bone Organization of Women and once a month, on girl's night out, they kill a lumberjack. Play carries stereotypical views of women to their extremes as it explores the truths behind them with characteristic irreverent wit. Runs Wed-Sun at 8 pm, Sat at 5 pm, Sun at 3 pm, 1/13-2/19. Theatre Rhino Mainstage, 2926 16th St, SF. Tix $10-$20. Info/res: 861-5079.

The Man With Straight Hair by George Birimisa. Set in 1953 in Manhattan's tough Bowery district, the play tells of the explosive relationship between roommates & part-time lovers Joey & Adrian. Joey, an angry young man with a drinking habit, longs to be a writer but is frustrated by poverty & self-hatred. Adrian, socially scorned because of his effeminate behavior, keeps house for Joey, rarely venturing outside. The two form a tenuous balancing act, protecting each other from the brutal world outside, until Joey begins to secretly court Dinah, a Marxist writer recovering from an illegal abortion, and a plot to oust Adrian begins. Theatre Rhino production. Play runs Thurs-Sat at 7:30 pm, Sun at 2 pm, 1/20-2/13. Rhino Studio, 2926 16th St, SF. Info/res: 861-5079.

Why Things Burn by Marlane Meyer. Black comedy about the nature of evil. A young man visits his aunt & uncle in LA. His mother dies. "Kojak" is on reruns and "Beautiful Dreamer" plays in the distance as the head of a radical underground militia & his followers venture out into the city with chips on their shoulders, matches in their hands & maps to the stars' homes in their pockets. Magic Theatre production. Previews 1/12-15, opens 1/18, runs Wed-Sat at 8:30 pm, Sun at 2 & 7:30 pm, thru 2/13. Magic's Northside Theatre, Ft Mason Center, Bldg D, SF. Tix $12-$21. Info/res: 441-8822.

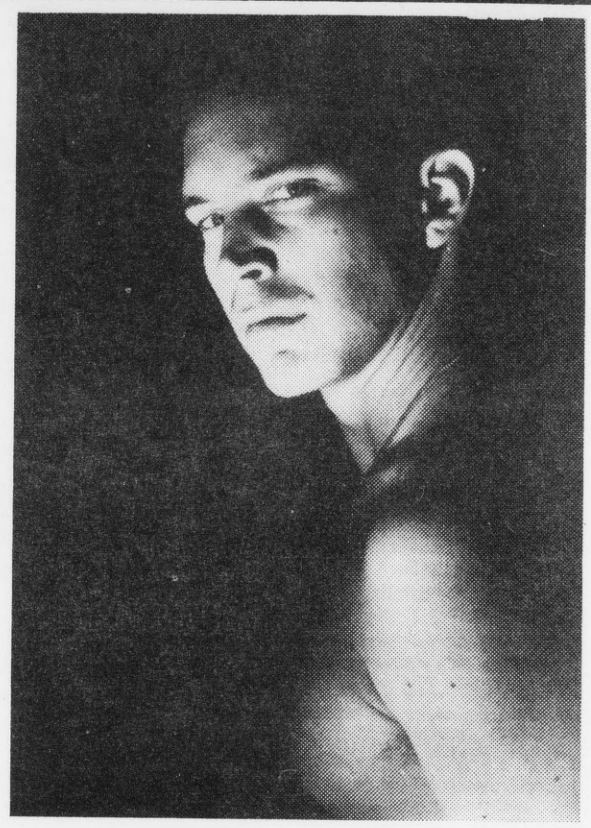
Sleeping With You by Godfrey Hamilton. Tough & tender, hilarious & moving evocation of gay love. Starving Artists Theatre Co production. Runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 6:30 pm, 1/6-16. Santa Cruz Art League, 526 Broadway, SF. Tix $10 gen'l, $8 stdnts & srs. Info/res: (408) 457-1884. Portion of proceeds benefit SCAP (Santa Cruz AIDS Project).

The Sum of Us by David Stevens. Poignant story of a father, his homosexual son, and their unusual life of acceptance & support. Marin Theatre Co production. Play previews 1/13-15 at 8 pm, 1/16 at 2 & 7 pm, and 1/18 at 8 pm. Opens 1/19 at 8 pm, runs Tues-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 2 & 7 pm. Tix $8-24. Thirty-Forty Something Night: Pre-play gathering with theater talk & refreshments starts at 6:30 pm on first Wed after opening night. WA. 397 Miller Ave, Mill Valley. Info/res: 388-5208.

Classified by Fred Adler. One-man show lampoons the absurdities of everyman's search for meaning in a cut-throat world. WonderWorks Unlimited production. Play runs Fri & Sat at 10 pm, 1/21-2/12. Tix $10 gen'l, $3 discount with a copy of your resume. Climate Theater, 252 9th St, btwn Folsom & Howard, SF. Info/res: 626-9196.

I've Been Queer for 100 Years, one-man show written & performed by Johnny D. Solo performer Johnny D's paean to queer working folk, from coal miners to go-go dancers. Show runs 1/7-9 at 8 pm at Build, 483 Guerrero St at 17th, SF. Tix $5. Info/res: 863-3321.

Cousin Martin by Andrew O'Hehir. Play set in North Dublin. An American cousin returns to find the hilarious, blarney-fueled McCann family guarding a 40-year-old secret. Climate Theater production. Play runs Thurs-Sun at 8 pm, 1/6-2/13. Tix $12-$15. Ft Mason Center, SF. Info/res: 776-8999.



Del Sherman is Lon Shaw in "Why Things Burn." Photo by Gary Leon Hill.

Action by Sam Shepard. Provocative, contemporary production of Shephard's play about two men and two women holed up in an isolated cabin, preparing a meager Christmas dinner and wondering what else to do—their choices severely limited by the cold, poverty, unfocused wants and an inability to communicate with each other. Shephard has often been criticized for his stereotypical portrayals of women. This Berkeley Theater Project production explores the importance of gender by presenting it twice in the evening, with gender roles reversed in the second part. As scenes that are aggresively competitive between the men become warmly competitive between the women, it is clear that gender does play a role in meaning, allowing for two profoundly different interpretations of themes & relationships. Berkeley Theater Project production, in association with Climate Theater. Play previews 1/19 & 20; runs Thurs-Sun at 8 pm, 1/21-2/13. Tix $8 previews, $10 Thurs & Sun, $12 Fri & Sat. Climate Theater, 252 9th St, SF. Info/res: 626-9196.

Frederick Douglass Now, solo performance piece based on the life of Frederick Douglass, written & performed by Roger Guenveur Smith. UC Berkeley Dept of Dramatic Arts & African American Studies production. Play runs 1/20-22 & 27-29 at 8 pm; and 1/23 & 30 at 2 pm. Durham Studio Theatre, behind Dwinelle Hall, UC Berkeley campus. Tix $8 gen'l, $5 stdnts & srs. Info/res: (510) 642-4471.

A Midsummer Night's Dream and **Measure for Measure** by William Shakespeare. A Shakespeare & Co production. In repertory at the YMCA Theater, 220 Golden Gate Ave (at Leavenworth), SF. "Measure" runs Thurs & Sat, "Midsummer" runs Fri & Sun. Tix $10. Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 7 pm. Info/res: 267-6165.

Marvin's Room by Scott McPherson. Winner of the Drama Desk Award for Best Play of 1992. Surprisingly funny play about one woman's overwhelming commitment to loving others first. A modern family's lifelong caregiver faces illness in this startling, healing play about the fragility of life, complexity of love & intangible rewards of duty. TheatreWorks production. Play previews 1/13 & 14, opens 1/15 and runs thru 2/6 at Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, Castro & Mercy Sts, Mountain View. Tix $12-$24. Info/res: 903-6000.

Fires in the Mirror: Crown Heights, Brooklyn & Other Identities by Obie Award-winner Anna Deveare Smith. Conceived, written & performed by Smith, the play investigates the racial tensions that erupted in violence between the Jewish and African American communities of Crown Heights, Brooklyn in the summer of 1991. Drawing from actual interviews with Jewish and Black leaders, Smith creates a dynamic human collage of over 20 voices, including Carmel Cato, the father of the 7-year-old boy killed by the car in Grand Rebbe Menachme Schneer's motorcade; Black activist Reverand Al Sharpton; Norman Rosenbaum, brother of the slain Hasidic scholar Yankel Rosenbaum, who was stabbed by a group of Black youths; Letty Cotton Pogrebin, a founding editor of *Ms.* magazine and activist/scholar Angela Davis, among others. Berkeley Rep Theatre production. Play previews 1/4 at 8 pm; opens 1/5 at 8 pm and runs Tues-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 7 pm (except 1/16), thru 1/28; Sun at 2 pm on 1/9, 16 & 23; Sat matinee at 2 pm on 1/15. Tix $12 previews, $21 opening, $16 Tues-Thurs eve, Sat & Sun mat & Sun eve; $21 Fri & Sat eve. HotTix: Box office will sell 20 half-price tix at noon, Tues-Fri, for that evening's performance. Tix must be purchased in person and are limited to two per person. 2025 Addison St, downtown Berkeley. Info/res: (510) 845-4700.

BATS "Best of the Best" Competition: Bay Area Theatresports presents a six-week mini-tournament featuring hand-picked teams of top Theatresports improvisers in a king-of-the-hill style competiton. Mondays at 8 pm, 1/10-2/14 at Bayfront Theater, Ft Mason Center, Bldg B, third floor, SF. Tix $7, 1/10-2/7; $10 for the finals on 2/14. Stdnts & srs $1 discount. Info/res: 824-8220.

The Boyfriend by Sandy Wilson. Musical spoof about a young attractive English girl in a finishing school in France who desperately wants a boyfriend, despite her overly protective father's wishes. Los Altos Conservatory Theatre production. Play opens 1/6 at 8 pm, and runs Thurs-Sat thru 1/29. Tix $14-$16. Los Altos Conservatory Theatre, Los Altos. Info/res: 941-5228.

Christmas with the Crawfords, an Art Full Circle Theatre Inc production. Join Christina, Christopher and their beloved Mommie Dearest Joan as they welcome their adoring fans into their Brentwood home for a night of Christmas radio fireside entertainment. Play features Ann Drogynous as Joan Crawford, Mark Sargent as Ethel Merman, Richard Sanchez as Hattie McDaniels, Kate Simonton as Judy Garland and Robert Stephens as Zsa Zsa. Runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 7 pm thru 1/2. Tix $10 Thurs & Sun, $15 Fri & Sat. Info/res: 626-5455.

galleries

de Young Museum Golden Gate Park, SF. "The Midwinter Fair: A Centennial Exhibition," 1/27-4/17; "John Buck Woodblock Prints," monumental in scale, bold in color & often political in content; woodblock prints on exhibit thru 2/27. Hrs: Wed-Sun 10 am-5 pm. Fee: $5 gen'l, $2 kids age 12-17, $3 srs (65 & over), kids under 12 are free. Info: 750-3614.

SF Museum of Modern Art: "The Young Rebel in American Photography, 1950-1970," exhibit of work by Diane Arbus, Larry Clark, Bruce Davidson, Larry Fink, Robert Frank, Lee Friedlander, William Gale Gedney, Allen Ginsberg, Danny Lyon & Josephine Sterling, on exhibit thru 1/30. "The Great English Vortex," exhibit of approx 30 drawings by a selection of Vorticist artists (a short-lived but highly influential British art movement of the early 1900s). Exhibit runs thru 1/16. "Beyond Boundaries: Art of the Sixties & Seventies," on exhibit thru 1/9, includes "National Velvet," a rarely-shown work by Andy Warhol, a photo silkscreen on canvas of Elizabeth Taylor riding on a horse. "Robert Ryman," subtle & exquisite abstract works painted in the post-war period; on exhibit 2/3-4/17. 401 Van Ness Ave, SF. Hrs: 10 am-5 pm, Tues, Wed & Fri; 10 am-9 pm Thurs; 11 am-5 pm Sat & Sun. Tix $4 gen'l, $2 srs & stdnts, kids under 13 are free. Info: 252-4000.

Ansel Adams Center: 250 4th St, SF. "Wendy Ewald: Retratos y Suenos/Portraits & Dreams: Photographs by Mayan & Mexican Children," thru 1/5. "Flesh & Blood: Photographers' Images of Their Own Families," photo exhibit of work by over 50 artists chronicling experiences ranging from birth to death. Includes work by Tina Barney, Elliott Erwitt, Emmet Gowin, David Hockney, Annie Leibovitz, Sally Mann, Joel Meyerowitz, Duane Michaels, Nicholas Nixon, Sylvia Plachy, Clarissa Sligh, Larry Sultan & William Wegman. On exhibit 1/19-3/4. Hrs: Tues-Sun, 11 am-5 pm; 1st Thurs of every month, 11 am-8 pm. $4 gen'l, $3 stdnts, $2 srs/youth 12-17, kids under 12 are free. Info: 495-7000.

Architects & Heroes Gallery: Paintings by Moscow-based artist Vladimir Nevrov, depicting the struggle for change in Russia. Thru 1/30. 2239 Fillmore St, SF. Info: 921-8383.

Architrave Gallery: Hrs: Tues-Sat 11 am-7 pm, Sun noon-5 pm. 541 Hayes St, SF. Info: 621-4923.

Alliance Francaise Gallerie: Mon-Thurs 10 am-8 pm, Fri 10 am-5 pm, Sat 10 am-2:30 pm. Info: 775-7755.

ATA Gallery: 992 Valencia St, SF. Info: 824-3890.

Asian Art Museum: "Thai Ceramics: The James & Elaine Connell Collection," 170 objects of Thai ceramics from 2000 BC thru the 17th century, drawn from one of the most comprehensive public collections in the United States. On exhibit thru 3/13. Golden Gate Park, SF. Hrs: Wed-Sun, 10 am-5 pm. Admission: $5 gen'l, $3 srs 65 & over, $2 youth ages 12-17, free for kids under 12. Exhibit hotline: 668-7855. General museum info: 668-8921. TDD: 752-2635.

Bomani Gallery: 251 Post St, SF. Info: 296-8677.

Christensen Heller Gallery: "Photographs of Ladakh," by Sarah Stearns; "Handpainted Exotic Eggs," by Susan Tibbons; "Custom Wood Furniture," by Patrick Graney; thru 12/31. 5831 College Ave, Oakl. Hrs: Tues-Sat 11 am-6 pm. Info: (510) 655-5952.

Bayfront Gallery: Ft Mason Center, Building A, SF. Info: 441-5706.

Belcher Studios Gallery: Hrs: Noon-5 pm Thurs-Sat, Tues & Wed by appt. 69 Belcher St, SF. Info: 863-8745 or 626-8917.

California Crafts Museum: "Nature in Process: Patricia Johansen, Lia Do Rio, Mariyo Yagi," exhibit of installations 1/8-2/20. "Transparency," exhibit focusing on fine artists who use glass in their sculpture; 2/26-4/10. Hrs: daily, 11 am-6 pm. Ghirardelli Square, 900 North Point, Box 25, SF. Info: 771-1919.

Capp Street Project: 270 14th St at Mission, SF. Info: 626-7747.

Circle Gallery: Boldly expressive art by Gino Hollander, on exhibit 1/8-31. 140 Maiden Lane, SF. Hrs: Mon-Sat, 10 am-6 pm, Sun noon-5 pm. Info: 989-2100.

The Clay Studio: "A Hangman's Party," paintings & drawings by Juliana Coles. 1/7-2/19, opening reception 1/7, 6-8 pm. Hrs: Wed, Fri, Sat, 10 am-5 pm, and by appt. 52 Julian St, SF. Info: 431-6296.

E'space Gallery: 520 Hayes St at Octavia, SF. Info: 861-4675.

Eye Gallery: 1151 Mission St btwn 7th & 8th, SF. Hrs: Noon-5 pm, Tues-Sat. Info: 431-6911.

Falkirk Cultural Gallery: 1408 Mission Ave at "E" St, downtown San Rafael. Info: 485-3327.

Gallery on the Rim: 333 Third St, Ste 200, SF. Hrs: Tues-Sun 11 am-7 pm. Info: 543-7007.

Joanne Chappell Gallery: "Peter Kitchell: Recent Watercolors & Collages," thru 1/7. 625 2nd St, btwn Brannan & Townsend, Ste 400, SF. Hrs: Mon-Fri, 9 am-5 pm. Info: 777-5711.

John Pence Gallery: "Small Works for the Holidays," exhibit of work by various artists, thru 1/8. 750 Post St, SF. Info: 441-1138.

Kiki Gallery: "Renew Year," an installation & painting show featuring work by Reginald Cox, Donna Han, Clifford Hengst, Melissa Levin & Tim O'Toole. 1/8-29. Hrs: Thurs-Sat, noon-7 pm, or by appt. 483 14th St at Guerrero, SF. Info: 863-KIKI.

The Lab Gallery: 1807 Divisadero St, SF. Hrs: Noon-5 pm Wed-Sat. Info: 346-4063.

The Luggage Store Gallery: "2nd Annual Juried Luggage Show," a mixed media group show of approximately 20 visual artists concerning "psychic, spiritual, physical and/or emotional baggage." thru 1/26. 509 Cultural Center Annex, 1007 Market St nr 6th, SF. Hrs: Thurs-Sat 1-5 pm, and by appt. Info: 255-5971.

Maxwell Galleries: "Pam Glover: Recent Paintings, Landscapes of the Bay Area & Rural Countryside," thru 1/4, 551 Sutter St, SF. Info: 421-5193.

Morphos Gallery: "Arin Wiscomb: Recent Paintings," thru 1/5. "Love Over Death," paintings & drawings by Scott Siedman exploring themes of sexuality, spirituality & mortality. 1/7-2/9, opening reception 1/7, 7-9 pm. 544 Hayes St, SF. Hrs: Tues-Fri, noon-7 pm; Sat 11 am-6 pm; and by appt. Info: 626-1936.

New Langton Arts Gallery: 1246 Folsom St, SF. Hrs: Wed-Sat, noon-5 pm. Info: 626-5416.

Olga Dollar Gallery: Exhibit of work by Leo F Hobaica, Jr. Thru 1/8. 210 Post St, SF. 2nd floor. Info: 398-2297.

Opts Art Gallery: "Critical Mass" art exhibit by a provocative blend of figurative artists including painter Jeffery Berstein, sculptor Marque Cornblatt, photographer Ralph Koch, painter/sculptor Rik Livingston, painter Elizabeth Penniman, painter/scultpr DC Spensley & painter Chris Stefano. 1/11-2/6, opening reception 1/13, 6-8 pm, proceeds benefit Shanti Project. 250 4th St, SF. Hrs: Wed-Sat, 11 am-5 pm, Sun 11 am-2 pm. Hrs: 546-7844.

Robert Dana Gallery: 1849 Union St, SF. Hrs: Thurs-Sat, 10 am-6 pm; Sun 11 am-5 pm. Info: 749-1849.

Pro Arts Gallery: Hrs: Wed-Thurs noon-6 pm, Fri-Sun 10 am-5 pm. 461 9th St, Oakl. Info: (510) 763-4361.

Richmond Art Center: "Facing AIDS," collaborative exhibit on view in the Community Gallery; thru 1/23. "North by Northeast 2," works by artists who live and/or have studio space in the communities of Richmond, El Sobrante, Rodeo, Pinole, Port Costa, Albany and surrounding areas. Opening reception 1/12, 5-7 pm, exhibit runs 1/10-3/20. Includes work by David Berg, Tom Brown, Lisa Clague, Roy De Forest, Paula Gerstenblatt, Therese Lahaie, Grace Munakata, Adam Schwartz & Irene Pijoan. Civic Center Plaza, 25th & Barrett, Richmond. Info: (510) 620-6772.

Robert Koch Gallery: "Erotic?" exhibit of work by several artists from the beginning of photography to the present, covering a wide spectrum of what can be considered erotic. On exhibit 1/13-2/19. 49 Geary St, SF. Hrs: Tues-Sat 11 am-5:30 pm. Info: 421-0122.

SF Art Commission Gallery: 155 Grove St, SF. Info: 554-9682.

SF Camerawork: 70 12th St, SF. Hrs: Tues-Sat, noon-5 pm. Info: 621-1001.

SF Craft & Folk Art Museum: "Unknown Africa: Selections from the Collection of Dan Crowley," exhibit of rare & unusual African art, thru 1/2. "Con Mucha Alegria: Bolivian Festival Masks & Costumes," 1/8-3/6. Hrs: 11 am-5 pm, Tues-Sun; 10 am-5 pm, Sat. Ft Mason Ctr, Bldg A, SF. Info: 775-0990.

SF Art Institute: "La Union Esa," exhibit of work by Latino students at SFAI. 1/30-2/5 at SFAI's Diego Rivera Gallery, 800 Chestnut St, SF. Hrs: Tues-Sat, 10 am-5 pm; Thurs till 8 pm. Info: 771-7020.

SF PALM (Performing Arts Library & Museum): "Martha Graham: A Legend in Her Time," exhibit of photos of the great American dancer/choreographer by Barbara Morgan & Imogen Cunningham, along with costumes & other memorabilia. 1/19-4/9. Hrs: Tues-Fri, 10 am-5 pm, Sat noon-4 pm. Admission free. Info: 255-4800.

Soft Touch Gallery: Hrs: Tues-Wed, Fri-Sun, 11 am-6 pm. 1580 Haight St, SF. Info: 863-3279.

Stamp Art Gallery: 466 8th St, SF. Info: 252-5975.

NIAD Gallery: (National Institute of Art & Disabilities). "Landscape Into Art" an exhibit of landscape paintings done by NIAD artists & guest artists living & working in the Bay Area. 1/12-2/28. Reception 1/12, 5-8 pm. 551 23rd St, Richmond. Hrs: Mon-Fri 9 am-3:30 pm, Sat 10:30 am-1 pm. Info: (510) 620-0290.

Photos by Susan Heeringa-Pieper & Pauline Minser at at Quicksilver Mine Co in Guerneville. 14028 Armstrong Woods Rd, Guerneville. Info: (707) 869-9357. Thru 2/20.

"Ship of Dreams," exhibit of drawings by sculpture by Lewis Meyers, Jr & David Tomb at Turn of the Century Fine Arts, 2520 San Pablo Ave, Berkeley. Thru 1/15. Hrs: Tues-Fri 8 am-5 pm, Sat noon-5 pm. Info: (510) 849-0950.

"The 1970s," photo exhibit by Arthus Tress. Exhibit runs thru 1/5 at Every 6 Weeks, 323 Noe St at Market, SF.

"O Come All Ye Faithful," phallic altars by Dan Willis on exhibit thru 1/6 at Eros Center for Safe Sex, SF.

"The Dick Show," visual art exhibit featuring photography, drawing & sculpture by James Groleau, Keith Hennessey, Michael Rosen, Mark I Chester, Raelyn Gallina, Stevie Postman, Honey Lee Cottrell, Jim Schatz, Josh Davidson, Jack Davis and other visual artists. Thru 1/2 at 848 Community Space, 848 Divisadero St, SF. Info: 863-2609.

"It's All True," an exhibit of photos by Timothy Alan Taylor. Thru 2/5. Hrs: Thurs-Sat, 8 pm-2 am. Ziggurat at the Russian River, 16135 Main St, Guerneville. Info: (707) 869-1400.

RAM Studios Winter Exhibit features work by photographer Franco Tarsitano. Thru 3/1. 4077 A 18th St, SF. Info: 558-9564.

Photography by Kent Taylor, on exhibit thru January at Farley's, 1315 18th St, Potrero Hill, SF. Opening reception 1/6, 8-10 pm.

Chinese Brush Paintings by Frances Thompson, on exhibit 1/12-3/8 at St Francis Foundation Gallery in the Pierotti Pavilion at St Francis Memorial Hospital, 900 Hyde St, SF. 9 am-5 pm, Mon-Sat. Info: 353-6652.

"Through the Dark," series of color prints by lesbian photographer Barbara Kyne, on exhibit 1/3-28, along with photos by Laurie Pearce Bauers and sculpture by Brian Andreas. Arts & Consciousness Galleries, JFK University, 360 Camino Pablo, Orinda. Info: (510) 254-0105. Opening reception 1/7, 7-9 pm. Hrs: Mon-Thurs, 10 am-6 pm, Fri 9 am-5 pm.

Paintings by David Abbott on exhibit thru 2/28 at dava dava salon, 1889 Union St, SF. Opening reception 1/10, 5-7 pm.

"Remember Me: An Immortality Project," paintings by Rabih Alameddine about death, remembrance and the self's search for immortality when faced with a life-threatening illness. 1/1-22, opening reception 1/8, 2-4 pm. Gallery Sanchez, 1021 Sanchez St, SF.

"Who Are They?" A portfolio of acrylic paintings inspired by artist Bruce Hilliam's psychic experiences. On exhibit thru 2/10 at the Student Union Gallery, SF State University Student Union Bldg, 1650 Holloway Ave, SF. Hrs: Mon-Thurs, 10 am-6y pm; Fri 10 am-3 pm. Info: 338-2580.

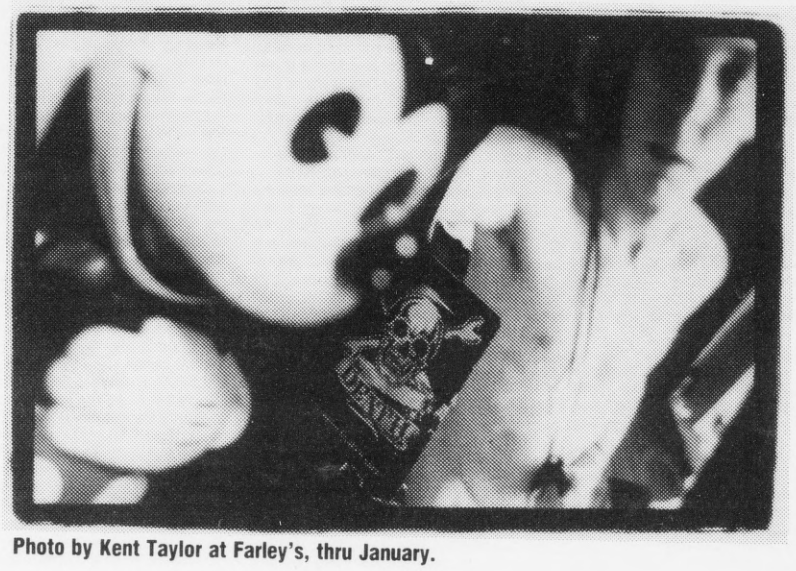


Photo by Kent Taylor at Farley's, thru January.

Oakland Museum: "Bay Area Sculptors II," at the Oakland Museum Sculpture Court at City Center (the museum's satellite gallery in downtown Oakl), features work by Philip Dow, Eddy Hood, Susan Marie Johnson, Seymour Locks, Zhee Singer, Charles Splady, Gale Wagner, Gerald Walburg & Suzanne Wilbroe; thru 2/12. Hrs: Wed-Sat 10 am-5 pm, Sun noon-7 pm. 1000 Oak St at 10th (one block from Lake Merritt BART, five blocks from highways 880 & 980). Admission free unless noted. Info: (510) 238-3401.

Judah L Magnes Museum: "Shtetl Life," prints & drawings from 52 artists, including Marc Chagall, Chaim Gross, William Gropper, Ruth Weisberg & Solomon Yudovin, on exhibit thru 1/31. Hrs: Sun-Thurs, 10 am-4 pm. Closed Jewish & federal holidays. Info: (510) 549-6950. 2911 Russell St, Berkeley.

The Jewish Museum: "The Road to Maus," exhibit of work by Art Spiegelman, author of the Pulitzer Prize-winning book on the Holocaust; thru 12/30. 121 Steuart St, btwn Mission & Howard, SF. Lecture tix $12.50-$25, call BASS for info.

MACE Space for Art: 1319 Pine St at Hyde, SF. Hrs: Noon-7 pm Tues-Fri, noon-5 pm Sat, and by appt. Info: 931-9670.

The Mexican Museum: "Ceremony of Spirit: Nature & Memory in Contemporary Latino Art," exhibit of work from 16 contemporary artists from regions as diverse as Brazil, Chile, Cuba, Mexico, Panama, Puerto Rico & the southwestern United States. An exploration of pan-Latino issues of genocide, geographic displacement & environmental degradation thru mixed-media artworks & installations. Thru 2/20. Fort Mason Center, Bldg D, Laguna & Marina Blvds, SF. Hrs: Wed-Sun, noon-5 pm. $3 gen'l, $2 stdnts & srs, kids under 10 are free, first Wed of each month admission is free, noon-8 pm. Info: 441-0404.

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ACT UP/SF meets Thurs, 7:30 pm, at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Direct action & civil disobedience to end the AIDS epidemic & the injustices around it. Call 621-0291 for info. WA.

ACT-UP/Golden Gate meets Tues at 7 pm at 590 Castro St, Ste B (2nd level, call ahead if you need special assistance), SF. Info: 241-8800 or FAX 252-9277.

PISD (People with Immune System Disorder), a caucus of ACT UP, for all people with immune disorders. Call 563-0724 for info.

ACT-UP Eastbay meets tri-weekly at members' homes. For info write PO Box 8074, Oakl 94608 or call (510) 547-7538.

AIDS/HIV Nightline: Provides nighttime emotional support for people concerned about AIDS or HIV infection. Run by SF Suicide Prevention, the Nightline is staffed by trained volunteers, 5 pm-5 am every night. Call 668-2437 or 1-(800) 273-2437.

AIDS Trials at NIAD/NIH: the National Institutes of Health recruits volunteers for inpatient & outpatient studies of new drugs & vaccines. For info call 1-800-243-7644. If you're accepted & enroll in a study, all travel expenses, & medical care provided at NIH, is free.

AIDS Emergency Fund. A volunteer-run, community-funded agency that provides emergency financial aid to low-income persons with AIDS/disabling HIV disease in the 9 Bay Area counties. Info: 558-6999. 1540 Market St, #320, SF 94102.

BAY (Bay Area Youth) Positives. Offers several support group for adolescents & young adults dealing with HIV. Group helps minimize the stress felt among young people who are HIV+. Free. Spons by AIDS Health Project. For mtg locations, times & other info call Julie Graham 386-4615 or Scott Walker 206-3157.

The Brothers Network is an African-American organization providing free emotional support for HIV + gay & bisexual men. Support groups include a Tues eve drop-in, peer counseling and ongoing African-American specific groups. Info: 749-6714. FAX 749-6706.

Rafiki Services Project provides practical & emotional support volunteer training; and services specifically geared toward African-American people with AIDS & HIV-related illnesses. For info call 346-5860.

Marin AIDS Project Emotional & practical support for persons with AIDS/HIV & their loved ones. Outreach & education. Info: 457-2487.

ARC/AIDS Drop-In Group for men with AIDS-related conditions or symptomatic HIV disease. Support, info, stress management. Thurs 6-8 pm. Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF. Free. No adv reg required. Info: 626-7000.

HIV+ Drop-in Group for men testing positive. Wkly mtgs, 6-8 pm, free. Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF. Info: 626-7000.

HIV Dual Diagnosis Program spons by Operation Concern: Provides intake, assessment, psychiatric consultation & monitoring, counseling & psychotherapy, case management & referrals, for HIV positive lesbians & gay men whose diagnoses are complicated by psychiatric disorders and/or substance abuse. Info: 626-7000.

AIDS Health Project offers prevention programs; mental health, substance abuse & antibody counseling; AIDS health professional training program & a guide to AIDS Research. Info: 1855 Folsom St, Ste 506, SF. 476-6430.

Third World People with AIDS/ARC meet in Oakl. Info: AIDS Project of the Eastbay (510) 420-8181.

Kaiser-San Francisco offers several HIV drop-in support groups: asymptomatic HIV, symptomatic HIV, AIDS, caregivers, women with HIV, multiple loss, HIV-negative men. For more info call Melissa Farley 202-2292.

Kaiser Oakland offers support & education groups on a variety of HIV issues. (HIV-positive gay men's group, HIV-positive women's group, public education forum, couples, family & friends HIV support group, potluck socials). All groups meet 6:30-8 pm. For days & other info call Marsha Blachman, LCSW (510) 596-6337. Childcare is available for some groups. For info on the monthly HIV forum call Joe Di Milia, HIV Health Educator, at 596-6848.

Kaiser Patients Advocacy Union (KPAU): consumer activist group assists HIV-positive Kaiser patients, family & friends who are having problems with medical care & services at Kaiser. Newsletter, mtgs, confidential hotline, & lobbying—call 621-3409.

SF AIDS Foundation Client Services Dept provides a variety of direct services for persons with AIDS & ARC: financial benefits counseling, info & referral, advocacy, women's & people of color services, emergency housing, food bank & more. For info call 864-5855.

Southeast Asian AIDS Prevention Project offers HIV/AIDS info & private counseling in Vietnamese, Cambodian & Lao. Free prevention supplies given discreetly. Info: 885-2743.

Oscar Romero AIDS Project provides educational & technical HIV outreach to the poor of El Salvador. Group also brings supplies of condoms, literature & other materials to El Salvador. Info: 241-0398. 250 Fell St #21, SF 94102.

Face to Face/Sonoma County AIDS Network: counseling & in-home care for people with AIDS & ARC in Sonoma County. Also support groups. Info: Face to Face/Sonoma County AIDS Network, POB 1599, Guerneville, CA 95446; or call (707) 887-1581.

Valley of the Moon AIDS Project offers free, bimonthly support groups for people living with AIDS/HIV, and their friends & family. 1st & 3rd Tues of each month, 7-8:30 pm at Sonoma Vintage House, 264 First Street East, Sonoma (rooms 111 & 113) Info: David (707) 938-3765 or Sheana (707) 935-6260.

The AIDS/ARC Blood Fund for people with AIDS is available by calling the Harvey Milk Lesbian/Gay Demo Club's Blood Fund Coordinator, 863-6761.

Project Open Hand delivers hot meals & groceries to people with AIDS or disabling HIV disease in SF, Oakl & Berk. Food Bank at Church & Duboce, SF, provides groceries only. No one refused service because of inability to pay. A letter of diagnosis/referral is all that's necesssary to receive service. Info: (415) 558-0600 or (510) 548-8909.

The Family Link provides housing for friends & family of people with AIDS who are visiting from outside the Bay Area. Info: 346-0770.

ARIS Project: emotional, practical wkly support groups for people w/AIDS, ARC, HIV pos., & their loved ones. Also volunteer training. Call (408) 370-3272.

Contra Costa County AIDS Program: County government program. Offers community support groups & education. 597 Center Ave, Ste 200, Martinez, CA 94553. For info or to volunteer: (510) 313-6770.

AIDS Project of Contra Costa offers emotional & practical support to people with AIDS/ARC, their families & loved ones. Support groups, outreach, education & volunteer training opportunities. Info: (510) 356-AIDS. 2280 Diamond Blvd, Concord 94520.

San Mateo County AIDS Program provides HIV prevention services, testing & counseling, early intervention, primary care, social services, support groups, a drop-in center for people with HIV and clinical trials. Safer Sex Patrol volunteers do gay outreach. Multicultural. 3700 Edison St, San Mateo. Info: 573-2588, Mon-Fri, 8 am-5 pm. Volunteers are welcome!

AIDS Ministry of MCC-SF: provides support to persons with AIDS & other life-threatening & chronic illnesses, their family & friends. Support groups, monthly potlucks dinners, healing services, spiritually-based training for caretakers & more. Info: 863-4434. 150 Eureka St, SF.

PAWS (Pets Are Wonderful Support) provides direct services so people with AIDS/ARC can keep their pets. Also places pets in foster & permanent homes as needed. Info: 824-4040.

SHARE (Special Human & Animal Relationships) program of Marin Humane Society offers services to Marin County PWAs with pets. Info: 883-4621.

The Godfather Service Fund: provides care packages (toiletry, bathrobes, slippers & teddy bear) to people with AIDS/ARC/HIV in 12 SF hospitals. To volunteer or make contributions call 565-4433 or write 584 Castro St #225, SF 94114.

Health Center#1 offers an evening clinic for people who are HIV positive or have AIDS or AIDS-related conditions, and find it difficult to go the doctor during the daytime. Clinic serves the Mission, Castro/Eureka Valley, Potrero Hill, Glen Park, Diamond Heights, Noe Valley, Monterey and South of Market areas of SF. Bilingual, multicultural staff, sensitive to the needs of women with HIV. 3850 17th St, SF. Info/appt: 554-9750.

Shanti Project offers emotional & practical support to people with AIDS, their friends, families & loved ones. 525 Howard St, SF. PWA Support Groups: daytime—Tues, Thurs, Fri; eves—Tues, Wed, Thurs. Friends, Family & Lovers Support Group: Wed & Thurs eves; Coping with Loss & Grief Support Group—Thurs eve. For info/location, or to volunteer as an emotional or practical support counselor (training provided) call 777-CARE.

Ellipse-Peninsula AIDS Services offers 1-1 & group emotional support for persons with AIDS & ARC, their families & significant others. Also info/referrals; case management/coordination & attendant care services. Extensive volunteer activities available. Info: 572-9702.

AIDS Interfaith Support Committee of Sonoma County: persons of any faith tradition welcome (707) 762-0107.

AIDS Interfaith Network of the Eastbay: monthly healing services. 2nd Sun, 3 pm, Lake Merritt United Methodist Church, 3755 13th St at Park, Oakl. Info: (510) 523-5011.

AIDS Interfaith of Marin: Diverse group of clergly & spiritual seekers who serve persons with AIDS, their families, friends, loved ones & caregivers. Info: Rev Dave Martin 457-1129 or write to 1000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd, #12, San Anselmo, 94960.

The Center for AIDS Services provides compassionate support services for peroples with AIDS/ARC/HIV & their caregivers in Alameda County. Day Center (meals, housing referrals, therapeutic massage, social activities, laundry & shower facilities, support group & van transportation); Counseling (advocacy, referrals, in-depth psychotherapy); Volunteer Services (provide assistance with cooking, cleaning, shopping, transportation, etc); Food Bank (groceries & nutritional supplements). 5720 Shattuck Ave, Oakl 94609. (510) 655-3435.

Van Transportation Program for people with AIDS/ARC/HIV in Alameda County. Transport to & from healthcare appts. Info: The Center (510) 655-3435.

Interreligious Coalition on AIDS, a network of AIDS caregivers from the SF religious community, offers a directory of AIDS-sensitive clergy from a diverse range of religious traditions and ethnic backgrounds. Info: Bob Nelson 558-7066.

Kairos Support for Caregivers: Offers groups, grief support & resource materials for partners, spouses, friends & family members of persons affected by HIV/AIDS. Intro sessions Thurs 7:30 pm. Weekly open house Fri 5-7 pm. Everyone welcome! 114 Douglass St, SF. Info: 861-0877.

Home Care Companions, Inc offers free home care skills workshops for PWAs, their partners, family & friends. Get practical advice needed to help manage HIV disease at home. Licensed professionals teach the basics in a frank, positive atmosphere. The 5-evening course is offered monthly. Info/res: Celi Adams, RN 824-3269.

AIDS Project of the East Bay sponsors support groups throughout the Bay Area for people with AIDS/ARC. Info: (510) 834-8181.

Parents Support Group: for parents of children living with AIDS/ARC. Open to parents with children of any age, facilitated by two parents of a person with AIDS. Issues that arise for parents can be difficult to deal with alone, come talk to other parents who've been there. Oakland location. Spons by AIDS Project of the East Bay. Info: (510) 834-8181.

Parents & Family Support Group: wkly drop-in group gives support to families of origin of people with AIDS. Wed 7-9 pm at Coming Home Hospice, 115 Diamond St, SF. Spons by Visiting Nurses & Hospice of SF. Info: Gail Bigelow 861-8705.

Lovers, Friends, & Family of People with AIDS/ARC Group meets in Berkeley. Mon 6-8 pm. Info: AIDS Project of the East Bay¶(510) 834-8181.

Project Inform: Provides info on available treatments for HIV/AIDS (both experimental & FDA-approved), and conducts advocacy work on public policy issues affecting treatment access. Services include national toll-free hotline; fact sheets & bulletins; and more. 1965 Market St, Ste 220, SF 94103. Call (415) 558-9051 or (800) 334-7422.

Treatment Action Network (TAN): grass-roots advocacy group launched by Project Inform. TAN is a nat'l network of activists who contact elected officials, govt administrators & drug companies to lobby for critical HIV treatment & research issues. For more info & action updates, call (415) 558-9051 in SF or (800) 334-7422 in Calif. (800) 822-7422 elsewhere in the US.

SF Public Library for the Blind & Print Handicapped offers audio tapes & records to SF residents who can't read print due to physical illness or disability. Unabridged reading material & the equipment needed to play it provided free. All exchanges can be done by mail. Info: 558-5035.

Couples Group for people with AIDS & their partners. Deal with improving communication, problem-solving & other relationship issues. 6 wk groups start every other month. For info call AIDS Health Project 476-6430.

Couples Support Group spons by Shanti Project. A group for couples where one or more partners has AIDS. Info: 777-CARE.

Berkeley HIV + Support Group: free, confidential, professionally-facilitated group meets wkly in eves. Limited membership. Low-cost individual counseling also available for PWA/ARC/HIV-positive. Info: Pacific Ctr (510) 841-6224.

HIV support group: Share experiences & exchange medical information. Meets 1st Wed of each month, 7:30-9 pm, at Frances Albrier Commnity Center in Berkeley. Info: (510) 944-0835.

HIV-positive/ AIDS Support Groups spons by Project Eden. Groups for PWAs, HIV-positive people, their lovers, friends & families. A safe place to share feelings. Mon & Wed. Info: (510) 887-0566.

Men's Couples Group: focus on the stress of coping with a partners' illness or anxieties. Mon eves, 7:30-9 pm, free. Spons by AIDS Project of the Eastbay. Info: (510) 834-8181.

Lovers, Family & Friends of People with AIDS/ARC. Operation Concern's AIDS Family Project offers individual, couple & family counseling; plus support groups for the loved ones of people with AIDS/ARC. Info: 626-7000.

AIDS Legal Referral Panel: assists persons with AIDS, ARC or serious HIV infection on a wide range of legal problems, including wills & powers of attorney, housing difficulties, government benefits, employment programs & other issues. Services are free or reduced fee. Call 291-5454.

Insurance/Employee Benefits Legal Clinic for people with HIV infection. Free 45 min consultation with a lawyer to address your insurance questions or problems. Every Thurs, 6:15-8:30 pm. By appointment only, call the AIDS Legal Referral Panel: 291-5454.

Bankruptcy/Creditor Problems Legal Clinic for People with HIV Infection: Free presentation by a bankruptcy lawyer concerning how to handle creditor problems, plus free one-on-one consultation. 2nd Wed of every month, 6:30-8:30 pm, at the Gazebo, Davies Medical Center, Castro & Duboce, SF. Info/reg: AIDS Legal Referral Panel 291-5454.

Peter Claver Community offers housing to persons with AIDS or ARC who are homeless or unable to secure stable housing. Info: 563-9228. Spons by Catholic Charities AIDS/ARC program.

JFCS AIDS Project: Jewish Family & Childrens' Service offers services to Jewish people with AIDS & ARC, their loved ones & families: counseling, case management, PWA/PWARC support group looking at illness in a Jewish context, emergency financial assistance, meal delivery, practical support volunteers, & support for out-of-town family members. Also speakers' bureau. Coordinator: Jody Reiss 561-1241. 1600 Scott St, SF 94115.

Emergency Health Fund spons by Catholic Charities: provides funds for PWAS/PWARC with incomes of less than $1000/month, to help in emergency situations. Info: 864-7400, ask for the AIDS/ARC Division.

GAPA Community HIV Project: Spons by the Gay Asian Pacific Alliance, this group provides emotional & pratical support, including counseling, housekeeping, shopping, hospital & home visits, running errands, and preparing special meals. For more info contact Danny Yu 575-3939.

Group for Gay Asian & Pacific Islander Men—Thurs 7:30-9 pm. Spons by Gay Asian Pacific Alliance. Info: 554-9760.

Group for HIV + Gay Asian & Pacific Islander Men: Thurs 7:30-9 pm. Spons by GAPA Community HIV Project. Call Paul 575-3933 for info.

Sex, Dating & Relationships: Ongoing group offered by GAPA Community HIV Project: For Asian or Pacific Islander gay/bisexual men who want to discuss these issues in an informal small-group setting. Group meets every 3rd Tues of the month at GCHP, 1841 Market ST, SF, 2nd floor. 7-9 pm. Info: Prescott 575-3939.

Asian American Communities Against AIDS: Provides counseling, referrals & case management services to the Asian/Pacific Islander communities in SF. Chinese, Pilipino, Japanese & Vietnamese individuals are encouraged to call & discuss issues around sex, substance abuse and HIV/AIDS. Free & confidential. Info: 563-0553.

Diablo Valley AIDS Ctr: the only drop-in center for people with AIDS in Contra Costa County. Hrs: Mon-Fri 9 am-9 pm. Info: (510) 686-DVAC or write PO Box 139, Concord CA 94522.

Napa Valley AIDS Project provides education, support groups, benefits counseling, volunteer services & more for HIV + Napa County residents. Info: (707) 258-2437.

Peninsula Gay Men with HIV/AIDS: Ongoing, confidential emotional support group meets in San Mateo. Free. For info call Jonathan at the AIDS Program 573-2587.

Qi Gong Instruction offered at low charge ($1 per class) to SF residents with HIV/AIDS by the American College of Traditional Chinese Medicine. Qi gong is a excercise/meditation practice from China which helps cultivate vitality & build endurance. Classe held Mon & Wed mornings, 11 am-noon at the ACTCM Community Clinic, 450 Conneticut St on Potrero Hill in SF. Instructor Charles Alston, LAc. Info/reg: 282-9603. Space limited.

Ongoing poetry workshop for HIV positive gay men. Thurs 3-5 pm. Info/location: Darrell 221-8779.

Stop AIDS Mtg for men 50 & older. Meet other gay & bisexual men your age at a free, one-time, informal meeting to talk about safe sex; confidentially share your feelings, ideas & knowledge about AIDS and the effect it is having on us. Meetings are pro-gay & sex-positive, and designed to show us that we can still carry on sexual relationships. Info/reg: 621-7177.

Pacific Center, Berkeley, offers several peer-support groups for people with HIV & AIDS. Call (510) 548-8283 for info.

The Immigrant HIV Assistance Project of the Bar Association of SF provides free legal assistance for HIV positive immigrants residing in SF who need help with their immigration cases. Call 267-0795 for more info.

Food for Thought: AIDS food program for people with AIDS & ARC in Sonoma County. Free groceries, sundries. For info, or to volunteer or donate, write PO Box 1357, Guerneville, CA 95446 or call (707) 887-1647.

Gay Rescue Mission helps people with AIDS/HIV thru transitional housing, low-income shared housing resources, grocery bags, clothing, personal care items, referrals. For info call 863-0516, 9 am-5 pm, Mon-Fri.

The Living Room (Revival Inc): a social club for people with AIDS, ARC & HIV+ & for all who are concerned & care. Not a support group, not a bar, but an alternate social setting for those seeking a quality atmosphere. Wheelchair Accessible. 4035 18th St at Castro (next to Hot 'n Hunky). Call 252-1150 for hours & other info.

STOP AIDS Mtgs for gay & bisexual men. Meet 12-15 other guys for a one-time, free, informal mtg to talk about safe sex, coping with the epidemic, & what you can do to help end it. Evenings & wkend mtgs. Call Randy or Buck at STOP AIDS Project for reg/info: 621-7177.

Healing Alternatives Foundation (HAF) maintains public HIV/AIDS Treatment & Resource Library. Also Buyer's Club offers substantial savings on products aimed at improving the health of PWAs/HIV+, including vitamins, minerals, herbals and more. Payment accepted thru AIDS Emergency Fund & Catholic Charities. Volunteers receive addt'l discounts on products. Hrs: Tues-Fri, noon-6 pm, Sat noon-5 pm. 1748 Market St at Valencia, SF. Info: 626-2316.

American Indian AIDS Institute: Provides education & prevention as well as case management & practical support services for HIV + American Indians. Referrals are welcome. One-on-one mental health services available. 333 Valencia St #200, SF 94103. Call 626-7639.

In-Home Counseling Center provides counseling on a donation basis for people with AIDS/ARC/HIV. Info: 931-6151.

Federal Benefits Seminars: twice-monthly seminar spons by the Client Services Dept of SF AIDS Foundation, for federal employees with AIDS or ARC. Focus is on the benefits package available to federal employees who are currently employed, as well as those considering separation. The hour-long seminar is held 3rd Thurs of the month at 11 am & 4th Thurs at 5 pm, and is led by a rep from the Dept of Health & Human Services. At SF AIDS Fdn Client Services Office, 25 Van Ness Ave, SF, 6th floor. Info/res: call the on-duty social worker 864-5855, pre-reg by phone is required.

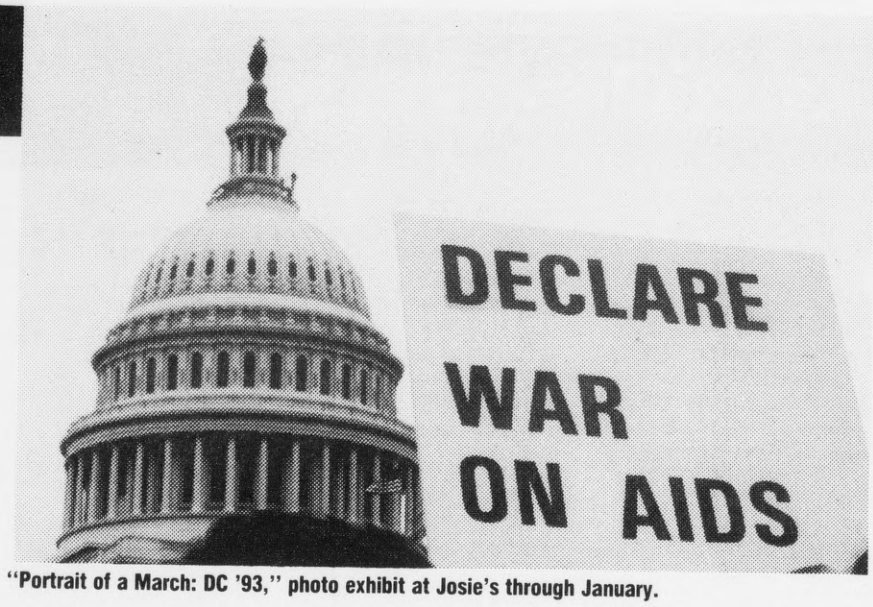
Services for deaf & hearing impaired people infected with HIV: Offered by the UCSF Center on Deafness (UCCD). Mental health services, interpreting services and psychosocial support. Info: 476-7600 (TTY) or 476-4980 (voice).

The Hearing Society of the Bay Area provides services for people with hearing loss related to HIV infection. Group offers a hearing aid loan program, hearing loss & communication classes for people with HIV/AIDS, voc rehab, social work services, loans of assistive devices & other audiological services. Fees determined by income, ability to pay & eligibility for MediCal, Medicare or Dept of Rehab programs. Karen 693-5870 (voice), 834-1005 (TDD).

EACH (Early Advocacy & Care for HIV) provides info about HIV early intervention, HIV/AIDS treatments & clinical trials. One-on-one cosultations to help HIV-positive men with info, access & referrals to free medical care & other services. Spons by the Gay Men of Color Consortium for gay & bisexual men of all colors. 944 Market St, corner of Mason, SF. Ste 210. Info: 403-3800.

Tenderloin AIDS Resource Ctr: Serves the Tenderloin & South of Market communities. Info & referral, client advocacy, counseling, community education, case management, street outreach, support groups, assitance with the social service & health care system. Bilingual services available. (English/Spanish) services available. Free. Mon-Fri 9 am-5 pm. Info: 431-7476.

Lesbians with HIV: Individual psychotherapy & case management offered; groups & couples treatment



"Portrait of a March: DC '93," photo exhibit at Josie's through January.

available. Free. Spons by Operation Concern. For info call Miriam or Nan 252-6076.

Multi-Problem Drop-In Group for HIV positive men with substance use &/or mental health concerns at Operation Concern. Free. No reg necessary. 1853 Market St, SF. Tues 5:30-6:30 pm. Call 626-7000.

Can We Talk? Transgender Support Group meets at the Tenderloin AIDS Resource Center. Wed 1-3 pm. 187 Golden Gate Ave, SF. Info: Sheri 431-7476.

Santa Clara County HIV/AIDS Program provides medical evaluation, ongoing monitoring, treatment, benefits & nutritional counseling, case management & referrals at its Early Intervention Project. The Alternative Test Site provides free anonymous HIV antibody testing, with counseling & referral. 976 Lenzen Ave, San Jose. Info: (408) 299-4151.

SF Dept of Social Services offers the In Home Supportive Services program (557-5251) to provide assistance so that people with AIDS may remain in their homes (those with their own caretakers may receive reimbursent); other programs offered include: General Assistance (call 558-1095 to avoid waiting in lines), AFDC (Aid to Families with Dependent Children (557-5721), MediCal (863-9892 or 557-5676 if a home visit is needed) & Homeless (557-6201) programs. Adult Protective Services program (557-5230) offers aid to victims of abuse. The HIV Family Services program (557-5403) offers assistance to AFDC families affected by HIV. The Fragile Infant Care Program (557-5157) finds foster parents for infants with HIV infection or AIDS, and recruits foster parents for this program.

Proyecto ContraSida P/V: Offers services for gay latinos & transgenders, groups for lesbianas & bisexual latinas. Prventive case management, workshops for writers & artists, cultural self-esteem building. 3690 18th St, SF. Info: 864-PCPV.

Nutrition & HIV: Free, objective info. Send self, addressed, 52 cent stamped, 9" x 6" envelope to Gustavo Wong, RD, POB 5681, Berkeley 94705-0681. Info: (510) 547-7893.

Quan Yin Healing Arts Ctr offers affordable acupuncture & Chinese herbal therapies, chiropractic & massage therapy for people living with HIV. Staff includes Western medical doctor. All practitioners are HIV-certified. Hrs: Tues-Fri, noon-6 pm, Sat 9 am-3 pm. 1748 Market St at Valencia, SF. Info: 861-4964.

Castro Village Detox offers low-cost (based on ability to pay) acupuncture/herb detox therapy for alcohol/drug withdrawal for HIV-positive/PWA gay men. Info: Mark Denzin, LAc, 252-9040.

Pyramid Ridge Wellness Ctr: Scenic retreat focused on HIV healing. Offers private sessions & workshops. Uses effective energy technique that is non-invasive & non-biological. Fee based on ability to pay. Info: Carol Hannum (707) 869-0985.

Japanese American AIDS Project: Nihongo o hanasu nihonjin gay to lesbian no tame no AIDS ni kansuru soupan. Nihongo de dou 20 Japanese Community Youth Council, 1840 Sutter St, Ste 207, SF. Info: 563-0553.

Bayview-Hunter's Point Foundation offers free acupuncture & herbal treatment to people of color with HIV. Mon-Fri, 12:30-2:45 pm. 1625 Carroll St at 3rd, SF. Info: 822-8200.

HIV + Lesbian Support Group meets Mon 6-8 pm. Info: Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services 565-7683. Free. WA.

Lesbian/Bisexual Women & their HIV+ Women Partners Couples Support Group meets alternating Thurs, 6-8 pm. Info: Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services 565-7683. Free. WA.

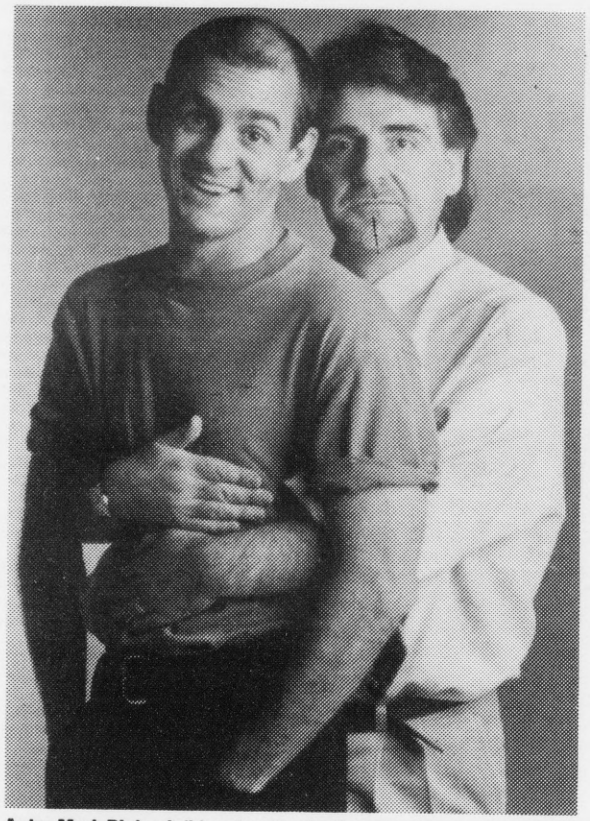
Lesbian/Bisexual Women Partners of HIV + Women Support Group meets alternating Thurs, 6-8 pm. Info: Lyon Martin Women's Health Services 565-7683. WA. Free.

HIV + African American Women's Support Group spons by Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services. Call 565-7683 for details. WA. Free.

Women's AIDS Network provides info, referrals & advocacy for women affected by HIV/AIDS and women service providers. Programs/services include speaker's bureau, educational resources developoent, special events & developing strategies for focusing HIV services & education toward women. Small emergency grants available to women with HIV/AIDS. Mtg held every first Tues of the month in SF. For details call voicemail 864-4376 ext 2007.

UCSF Positive Education Project conducts continuing education groups to help HIV positive gay men cope with the stress of living with HIV disease. If you T-cell count is btwn 200-500 call 597-9141.

AIDS Info BBS: Computerized info about treatments, studies, contacts, assistance & more. Periodical newsletters, newspaper articles & comments by and for PWA. 8-N-1. 24 hrs. 2400/1200 baud. Free since 7/25/85. Use modem to call (415) 626-1246.



Actor Mark Pinkosh (l.) and writer Godfrey Hamilton present the play "Sleeping With You." See OnStage.

Tai Chi Workout: Free to people with HIV. One hour of slow, therapeutic exercises based on the Chinese Tai Chi Chuan and Chi Kung forms. Relaxing, stress-reducing & invigorating. Supportive, no-push atmosphere. Meets Mon & Wed, 5:30-6:30 pm, 50 Oak St nr Van Ness & Market, SF. Info: Emilio 255-0265.

Free Acupuncture & Herbal Treatment Services offered by Bayview-Hunter's Point Foundation, thru funding provided by the Ryan White Care Grant. Free services offered to HIV positive people of color. Individuals with a history of substance abuse are also welcome. Services for people with other medical problems are available at nominal fee. 1625 Carroll St at 3rd, SF. Hrs: Mon-Fri, 7 am-2:45 pm. Info: 822-8200.

Visual Aid: Artists for AIDS Relief provides vouchers for art supplies to professional artists with life-threatening illnesses. Vouchers are redeemable at participating Bay Area art & photo stores. Applicants must have a letter of diagnosis of AIDS or other life-threatening illnesses. Info: 391-9663.

Positive Resource, Inc: Nonprofit job referral service for people who are HIV positive. Organization provides a pool of skilled personnel to corporations, small businesses & individuals who require temporary & permanent employees. Info: Dori 928-1448.

The Respite Care Program of Visiting Nurses & Hospice of SF (VNH) offers up to 250 hours of respite care services so that family caregivers may have a break from caregiving responsibilities. The program is supported by CARE Act ("Ryan White") funding, and there is no charge to clients who meet the eligibility criteria. Info: 861-6959 ext 554.

Hospice by the Bay is a certified provider of home health care & hospice services for persons with HIV/AIDS and other life-threatening illnesses. People may receive these services in their homes or in a skilled nursing facility. Those eligible for services are also provided with practical/emotional support volunteers & support groups. Call 673-2020 for more information.

Veterans with HIV: You're not alone! Join fellow vets for an evening support group, camping trips & other social activities—free! Group meets at the VA clinic in Oakland, nr 12th St BART Station and all the bus lines. Both Eastbay & SF vets are welcome, the staff is very gay/lesbian-friendly! Info: Mike Rankin, MD (510) 273-7331.

► ADDICTION RECOVERY

Iris Project (division of the Women's Institute for Mental Health) provides help for women wanting to achieve & maintain sobriety; and is one of the few agencies providing services specifically for lesbians. Groups include: early, middle & ongoing recovery; women of color; HIV + lesbians; lesbian relationships in later recovery; & an education group. Individual counseling provided. For info/intake appt call 864-2364. 333 Valencia St, SF. Ste 222.

Women's Alcoholism Ctr provides residential, outpatient & educational services for women, children & families. 2261 Bryant St, SF. Info: 282-8900.

AJIRA (Addicted Jews in Recovery Anonymous). Wkly mtgs for AA, NA & OA members at SF Jewish Community Ctr, 3200 California St, SF. For times & other info: Claire Silver 346-6040 ext 240.

Lesbians in Recovery meet once a month for fun & mutual support, call 664-1295 for info/location.

Henry Ohlhoff Programs (SF & Marin) provide treatment for substance abuse & eating disorders in environments that are sensitive to the needs of gay men, lesbians & bisexuals. Residential services available for men, outpatient services available for women, men, adolescents & families. Info: Men's residential—621-4388 (SF), 883-2494 (Novato); SF/Marin outpatient—221-3354.

Discover Your Right Livelihood Group: Talk about career goals & interests in a safe, anonymous 12-Step environment. DA/ACA Right Livelihood Meeting. 6:45 pm Mon at the Dry Dock, 2118 Greenwich St at Fillmore, SF. On the 22 Fillmore & the 43 Masonic Muni lines.

Castro Village Detox offers low-cost (based on ability to pay) services for people recovering from drugs and alcohol, see Health.

18th Street Services helps SF gay/bi men with alcohol/drug problems get clean & sober. Group/individual counseling. 217 Church St at Market, SF. Info: 861-4898.

Self-Mutilators Anonymous (SMA) of SF: Meets 1st & 3rd Sat of each month, 6:30-7:30 pm in the Castro. MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. This is a closed meeting, please call (707) 528-9216 for more info. SMA is a recovery program based on the 12 Steps.

Free Drop-in Groups for lesbians, gay men and bisexual women & men with alcohol and/or other drug problems. Drop-in group for women meets Mon, 7-8 pm; drop-in group for men meets Thurs, 7-8 pm. Info, support & referral for substance abuse problems. Spons by Operation Recovery (part of Operation Concern). 1853 Market St, SF. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: 626-7000 TTY: 252-8376.

Operation Recovery (part of Operation Concern) provides individual & group counseling for lesbians, gay men & bisexual women & men with alcohol and/or other drug problems. People with other mental health problems, who are taking psychiatric medications, and/or living with HIV, are welcome. SL fee, no one denied services because of inability to pay. For info/intake appt: 626-7000 TTY: 252-8376. 1853 Market St, SF. WA.

Free Alcohol Recovery Group for lesbians and gays with drinking problems. Six-month program. Wed mtgs. Lesbian & gay counselors at HAATS (Haight Ashbury Alcohol Treatment Services) provide a safe and supportive environment. For info/appt call 552-7230.

AIR (Alternatives in Recovery) Circle for those seeking reocvery based in spirituality & peer support, but not limited to the 12-Steps. Group seeks to expand the context in which our healing process can unfold, especially in areas of addiction/compulsion lying beyond substance abuse. All sincere seekers welcome. Info: Tree 242-1535.

Weight-Loss Support Group for Gay Men who prefer their support without the 12-Steps, Hail Marys or sworn allegiance to a higher power. Wkly meetings to share encouragement, exercise, recipes, some activites. Write PO Box 422502, SF CA 94142.

Women's Feminist Alternative to Patriarchal 12-Step Programs: Group is inclusive and validating of each women's experience. Based on Charlotte Kasl's book, *Many Roads, One Journey* and her 16-Steps for Discovery & Empowerment. Meets Mon at Old Wives Tales Bookstore, 1009 Valencia St, SF. 7:30 pm. Info: Constance 285-7017.

Adult Men Anonymous: Men supporting Men. Group meets every Fri 7-8:30 pm. Open & supportive. Share experiences, strength, hope & joy. Discuss ACA, SLAA, OA, co-dependence, loneliness, dysfunctionl relationships, multicultural topics. Free. 2333 Buchanan at Clay, SF. Take elevator down to "A" level, go thru dining area to 2nd room on your left. Info: 928-4474.

► ARCHIVES

The Gay & Lesbian Historical Society of Northern California collects, preserves & disseminates materials related to local gay & lesbian experience. Also sponsors public programs & wkshops on lesbian/gay history. Info: 626-0980, or write: GLHSNC, PO Box 424280, SF, 94142. Hrs: Sat & Sun 2-5 pm, or by appt. You must call ahead before coming to Archives.

Lesbian & Gay Books & Magazines available at the Eureka Valley Harvey Milk Memorial Branch Library, 3555 16th St, SF. 3-wk loan. Hrs: Mon, Thurs, Fri 1-6 pm; Tues 10 am-6 pm; Wed 1-9 pm. Donations of lesbian & gay material, bequests or checks payable to the Gay & Lesbian Collection (SFPLGLC) are very welcome (and tax deductible). Info: 554-9445.

Women's Cancer Resource Ctr Library: Research & lending library contains books, periodicals and clipping files about cancer and women's health issues. Library will mail out info & answers questions over the phone. Hrs: Tues 2-5 pm, Wed 4-7 pm, Sat noon-4 pm. Info: (510) 548-9272. 3023 Shattuck Ave at Emerson, Berkeley.

DAIR (Documentation of AIDS Issues & Research) maintins a categorized collection of over 150,000 clippings from magazines, newspapers & other sources on AIDS & related subjects, from the 1970s to the present. Hrs: 11:30 am]4 pm Sat, and by appt. Info: 673-0862. Mailing address: 2336 Market St #33, SF 94114.

The Oral History Project of the Lesbian/Gay Historical Society records on tape the lives & histories of lesbian, gay, transgender & bisexual people in SF & the Bay Area. Project also provides support for interviewers working on individual projects and coordinates group projects open to new volunteers. Training sessions in oral history interviewing held approx every 6 weeks. For more info call Lyndall or Nina Jo 626-0980.

► BISEXUAL GROUPS

Bay Area Bisexual Network: Umbrella organization for bisexual groups, resources & people. Open to everyone, whether or not they consider themselves bisexuals. Info: 564-BABN.

Bay Area Bisexual Women's Network: A loose network of bi women's groups around the Bay Area who offer support/discussion groups, spons wkshops & organize women-only events & social activities. For newsletter listing social activities & events as well as dates, times & discussion topics for support groups, write S. the Editor, PO Box 9388, San Rafael 94912.

North American Multicultural Bisexual Network (NABN) acts as a clearinghouse for resources, AIDS info & political alerts. Focus on visibility, education, pride. For info contact NABN, 584 Castro St, #422, SF 94114 or call 775-1990.

Bisexual Women of Color Group: Social/support group for bisexual women. Lesbian women welcome. Info: 922-1021.

Bi Women's Support Group: Meet other bi women, talk & share experiences in an informal setting. Group meets 7-9 pm on the 1st, 2nd & 3rd Wed of each month, and 5-7 pm on the last Sun. Info/location: Ingrid 775-2620.

Bisexual Men of Color Group: Support group for bisexual men of color meets last Sun at 6:30 pm. For info/location call (510) 465-9671.

Bisexual Rap Group: Drop-in group for men & women interested in bisexuality. Warm, friendly people. Meets Sun 7-8:550 pm at Pacific Ctr, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-8283.

Bi-Support Group at Pacific Center/Walnut Creek: 1250 Pine St, Walnut Creek. Info: (510) 939-7711.

Eastbay Bi Women's Support Group: Share & explore in safety. Mon eves. Info: Jessie (510) 232-4972 or Renee (510) 841-2101.

BFSF (BiFriendly-SF): social group open to bisexuals & bifriendly others. BFSF meets 7 pm Mon at Village Deli, 495 Castro St, SF for dinner & conversation with other bisexuals & friends. For confirmation, other activities/calendar: 648-6332.

Bi-Friendly UC: Rap & social group for all members of the UC Berkeley/UCSF community. Meets Wed, 6:30-8:30 pm. Location/info: (510) 642-6942. Spons by MBLGA (Multicultural Bisexual Lesbian & Gay Alliance). Wheelchair Accessible.

Bi-Friendly Eastbay: Call Betsy (510) 845-7441 for mtg location, time & other info.

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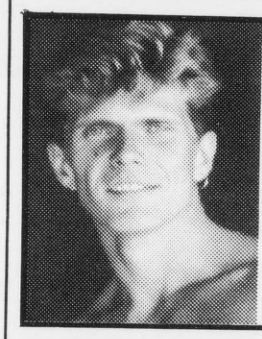

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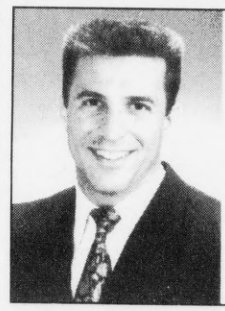

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Eastbay Bi Women's Social Group meets at the Tea Spot in Berkeley on Thurs, 7-9 pm. Info: Judith (510) 528-5331.

Bi-Friendly South Bay (BFSB) bisexual social group for men, women & bifriendly others in the South Bay/Peninsula area. Meets 2nd & 4th Mon of each month at Vicolo Pizzeria, 473 University Ave in Palo Alto at 7:30 pm. For info call 856-6901.

Side by Side peer support group for bisexual men & women in Sonoma County, meets every Wed in a safe, confidential & friendly environment. 7-7:30 social, followed by mtg till 9:30, with short social time after mtg. Focus on any issues brought up by those present, especially bisexual issues. New members welcome! Info: Colin (707) 823-2990.

Bi-Friendly Sonoma County: bisexual social/support group for men, women & bifriendly others in Sonoma/North Bay. Info: Colin (707) 823-2990.

Peninsula Bi-Guys group for men into male bonding, beach parties, massage, hot springs, houseboat trips, bicycling, hiking, dining out, theater, cards, games & great conversation. Info: Roger 369-1610 or PO Box 610071, Redwood City, 94061.

Women's Bisexual Network of Santa Cruz & Greater Monterey Bay Area: Support & discussion group welcomes any bisexual, questioning or bi-friendly woman. Mtgs 2nd & 4th Thurs of each month, 7-9 pm, followed by social at a local cafe. New participants are asked to attend the 2nd Thurs meeting. $3-5 donation requested. Quarterly network listings available, send SASE to BiNet, PO Box 934, Santa Cruz, 95061-0934. For location/info call (408) 427-4556.

Goddess-Oriented Bisexual Women's Social Group meets monthly. Info: 979-4023.

Marin Bisexual Social/Support Group meets in Central Marin on 1st & 3rd Wed of each month. Interested men & women are welcome. Info: Larry 454-5638.

Co-gender Bisexual Social Group for bisexual youth, spons by LYRIC. See Youth.

Bisexual Group meets every Wed eve, 7-9 pm in SF. Couples 30+ especially welcome. Info/location: 441-1866.

Jewish Bi's meet once per month for support/rap group. Alternate Eastbay/SF locations. Group does events for Jewish Bi's only, and also events for the entire Bi community & friends. Plus education on anti-Semitism & biphobia in the B/L/G communities and biphobia/homophobia education in the organized Jewish community. Info: Jim (415) 337-4566 or Susan (510) 528-7139.

Be sure to check the "social groups," "support groups" and "political" sections for related groups.

► CALL FOR ENTRIES

Bearing the Unbearable: Stories of Losing Loved Ones to AIDS. Submissions sought for an anthology edited by Leslea Newman, to be published by Crossing Press. First person nonfiction narratives in prose & poetry sought. Send SASE for writers guidelines BEFORE sending manuscript to: Leslea Newman, Bearing the Unbearable, PO Box 815, Northampton, MA 01061. Deadline: 3/15/94.

Economics: Feminist/Womonist Theory & Practice for Survival in a Sexist System is the topic of the first issue of a new feminist/womonist writer's journal. Editorial commentary, short stories, poetry, reviews & illustration are welcome. Writing sought from supporters of radical feminism, lesbian/womonist rights & community-building, re-institution of the matriarchy and changing of our sexist & racist language as a tool of empowerment. Info: JB (510) 601-0966.

Peace of Art, a innovative publishing company, seeks original artwork & photography that depicts the trauma of AIDS. Creations will be published in a high-quality art book, with portion of proceeds going to support AIDS organizations. Send materials (slides, photos, etc) SASE to Peace of Art, 232 Cleveland Ave, Mill Valley, 94941. Info: (415) 380-9869 or (800) 576-9869. Deadline: 1/31.

► FUN & GAMES

UC Botanical Gardens: University of California-Berkeley Botanical Gardens feature 33 acres of native & exotic plants in educational & naturalized displays. Open daily, 9 am-4:45 pm. Free admission, free garden tours weekends at 1 pm. Centennial Drive above the UC Berkeley campus. Info: (510) 642-3343.

Game Night! 6-10 pm every Sat night at Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Drop-in, free. Play cards, scrabble, boggle, trivial pursuit, pictionary, or any game you bring. Come meet friendly folks, have some fun! Info: (510) 548-8283.

Whiptail Lizard Lounge: Alternative Dyke Space offers fun & games, music, conversation, etc for women in an alcohol and smoke-free environment. For event schedule see Main Calendar listings. 4035 18th St, SF (one block from Castro).

Coming Home Hospice Bingo: Every Thurs at Most Holy Redeemer Church, 100 Diamond St, SF. $12 buy-in/open 6/games 7.

Lezdance at Brew Moon Coffeehouse: 16248 Main St, Guerneville. Sat, 9 pm-1 am, $3 cover. With DJs Laney G & Jenny A.

Please check the "Hobbies" section for related groups.

► HEALTH

Quan Yin Healing Arts Ctr: Nonprofit clinic provides affordable acupuncture & Chinese herbal therapies; treatment for people living with HIV, chronic hepatitis, PMS, & other gynecological imbalances. Also offers Stop Smoking Clinic. Office hrs: Tues-Fri, 1-6:30 pm, Sat 9 am-3 pm. Info: 861-4964.

American College of Traditional Chinese Medicine: professional teaching clinic offers Chinese herbal medicine, acupuncture, tui-na (Chinese physio-massage) & Chinese nutritional counseling. SL fee. MediCal accepted. 450 Connecticut St at 20th (on Potrero Hill), SF. Info: 282-9603.

Lyon-Martin Women's Health Sensitive primary health care for women by women, with emphasis on the health care needs of lesbians. Services include: gen'l medical care, gynecology, acupuncture, lesbian parenting, AIDS counseling & safe sex info (safe sex kits for women available). WA. SL. 1748 Market St nr Valencia, SF. Ste 201. Info/appt: 565-7667.

Lesbian Clinic of the Berkeley Women's Health Collective provides personal, affordable health care by lesbian practitioners. Gen'l medicine & chiropratic care to evaluate health needs. Gynecological, gen'l medical & mental health services available. Also feminist therapy referrals. Call for appt: 843-6194. WA.

Charlotte Maxwell Complementary Clinic offers free acupuncture, herbs, homeopathy, massage & visualization to low-income women with cancer. Volunteers welcome. Info: (510) 601-7660.

Women's Cancer Resource Ctr: info, support, resource & advocacy ctr for Bay Area women with cancer, their friends, families & practitioners. Provides individual peer counseling & drop-in support groups, newsletter, educational programs, legal wkshops & more. For information on groups & programs offered call 548-9272 or 548-WCRC. 3023 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley.

Environmental Health Network provides fre support, info, referrals & advocacy for people with multiple chemical sensitivities. Mtgs held 1st Thurs of each month. Info: 541-5075.

Gay Men's STD/VD Clinic: testing & treatment by & for gay men; free, every Sun 5:30-7 pm. HIV Antibody anonymous testing for women & men 12 or older, every Sun, 6-7 pm. 2339 Durant Ave at Dana, Berkeley. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: 644-0425 (non-voice TDD 548-8238 for disabled).

Berkeley Free Clinic offers free gen'l health, dental, counseling & information services, plus referrals. Also has women's health clinic by & for women. 2339 Durant Ave at Dana, Berkeley. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: 548-2570 (non-voice TDD 548-8238).

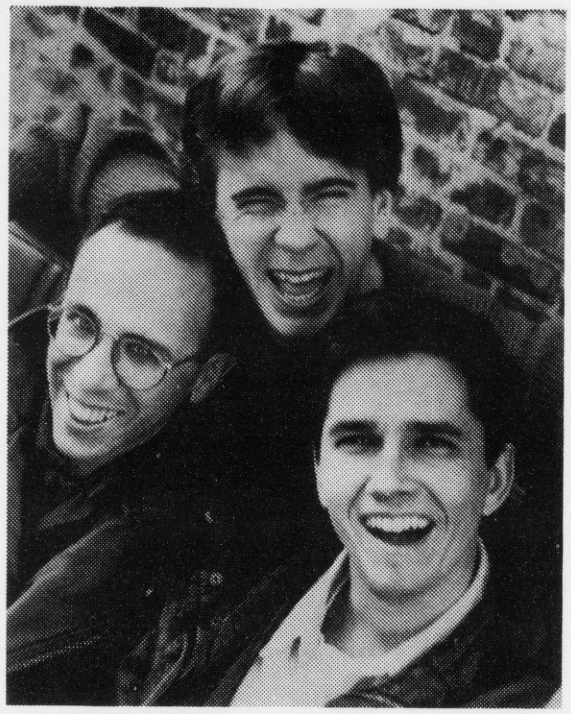
Planetree Health Resource Ctr: non-profit ctr provides a place to go when you need more info about health or medical concerns. Get up-to-date medical info to assist you in making informed choices about your health. Ctr maintains extensive consumer health library, current medical lit clippings & health bookstore. Also support groups, health information service by mail, and more. 2040 Webster St, SF. Info: 923-3680.

Haight Ashbury Free Clinic Acupuncture Clinic provides acupuncture & Chinese herbal medicine as primary medical care, and for substance abuse recovery & detox. 60 Brady St, SF. Hrs: Mon-Thurs, 9 am-noon. Info: 863-1677.

Rainbow Clinic at UCSF provides pediatric care for children of gay & lesbian parents in a sensitive, caring environment. For info/appt call Tamar Gershon, MD, 476-1777.

The Wellness Community: A free program of hope, learning & friendship for adults with cancer, and their families. Offers support groups, workshops, resource library & social events. SF & Eastbay. Info: (510) 933-0107.

Castro Village Detox offers low-cost (based on ability to pay) acupuncture/herb detox theraphy for alcohol/drug withdrawal. Info: Mark Denzin, LAc, 252-9040.



Funny Gay Males—Eight nights only at Josie's Cabaret! See calendar for details.

► HOBBIES

Hortiphiles: a group for lesbians & gay men who enjoy growing plants. For info write PO Box 31, Palo Alto, 94301 or call 851-1022.

Phoebe Snow Society: int'l organization of gay rail fans. Gay men interested in trains, railroading & travel are welcome to join. Info: (510) 352-0301.

Single Lesbian Dogwalkers Group for single gay females with dog(s). Come meet others! Meet 1st & 3rd Sun at 11 as at Ft Funston, near the hang glider's bench. Info: Freddi 757-0142.

Gay Men's Sketch: informal drawing group for all skill levels. Classical nude modeling by gay male model in intimate home/studio setting. Tues, 7-9:30 pm. 1229 Folsom St, btwn 8th & 9th, SF. Call 621-6294 for reservations. Inquiries also accepted from men interested in modeling.

Greening the Mountain: Work party group for residents of the Castro, Haight & Buena Vista neighborhoods (everyone welcome). Group removes invasive shrubs & weedy plants on the Corona Heights hilltop (one of the last remaining native grasslands in SF). Meet last Sat of each month, 10 am-noon on the front steps of the Randall Museum, off Roosevelt Ave btwn 14th & 17th Sts. Bring work gloves, liquids & snacks. Info: Tom 252-0651.

Men's Nude Drawing Group: For men who like to draw the male form. Members of the group draw & pose for each other. Wed, 7-9 pm, free. Info/location: 626-8349.

Shadows of the Bay: Dark Shadows Society monthly social social gathering for fans & friends. Celebrate the lives, times & deaths of Barnabas, Angelique & the rest of the Collins clan. Potluck, videos, fun. 8 pm. Call Neil 255-7672 for info/location.

Bondage Buddies Group: Bi-weekly parties of play & socializing for gay men into bondage, harddicks & fun s/m. Open to top/bottom and experienced/novices. Info: 292-3228.

Lavendar Winds Kite Club: Group for gay/lesbian kitefliers, and those with an interest in kites. Lavendar Winds Kite Club is a chapter of the American Kitefliers Association. For more info write Brian, PO Box 5118, #464, Fremont 94537 or call (510) 797-6997.

Dreamers & Dreamworkers Group for those interested in searching the creative power of dreams. Group of loyal friends meets regularly to share our dreams & help each other discuss the meaning of inner thoughts. Info: 584-1034.

Quicktricks, America's only accredited lesbian & gay bridge club, offers 8-wk series of classes for beginners (you can start at anytime). Call 641-4355 for info.

Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual International Folkdancing Group meets Tues, 7:30-9:30 at Eureka Valley Recreational Center on Collingwood St in the Castro, SF. Learn mostly line dances from Bulgaria, Macedonia, Israel, Canada, Scandanavia, etc. Beginners are welcome! No partner needed. Teaching 7:30-, dancing 8-9:30. Info: Jim 585-9784. Group is about evenly split, male & female.

Gay Macintosh Users Group meets every 4th Mon: 7 pm social, 7:30 pm program. Nonprofit. Everyone welcome! New Conservatory Theatre, 25 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 552-GMUG.

Amazon Sewing Circle Stich & Bitch Group: For lesbians and gay men in the Eastbay. Info: Boadecia's Books, (510) 559-9184.

Fremont Gay Men's Bowling League: See Sports.

Women: Like to read? Talk about books? Come share an informal potluck and book discussion. Women's reading group meets monthly on Sundays. Info/location: Nancy 221-5623.

Gay Men's Genealogy Discussion Group meets monthly in a library for exchange of ideas, information & research leads. Interests range from recent immigrants to Mayflower lineages. All levels, from beginners to professionals, are welcome. Mtgs held on the 3rd Sun of each month. For details call Larry 647-0637 or Charles 441-7329.

Ham Radio Group: Lambda Amateur Radio Club/Golden Gate holds monthly mtg, 2nd Thurs of each month. Info: 863-1196.

► HOTLINES AND REFERRALS

SF Sex Information: Switchboard: Mon-Fri, 3-9 pm. Info and referrals on all aspects of sexuality, for all ages & lifestyles. 621-7300.

SF Gender Information: Nonprofit service provides referrals & networking to transsexual & other members of the gender community in the SF/Bay Area & northern Calif. For listings ($3 fee) & other inquiries send SASE to: SFGI, PO Box 423602, SF CA 94142.

Battered Lesbian 24-hr hot-line, individual counseling, support grps & legal advocacy clinics. Info: Liz at WOMAN Inc. 864-4722.

San Mateo Battered Women's Services offers a 24-hr hotline, individual counseling, support groups, legal assistance & shelter. Call 342-0850.

Battered Women's Alternatives: Eastbay resource for lesbians experiencing emotional or physical abuse. Call (510) 676-2845.

Call CUAV (Community United Against Violence) to report harassment, hate violence, intimidation by neighbors or workmates. Counseling, advocacy, info & referrals offered. 24-hr hotline: 333-4357

Gay Domestic Violence: info, peer counseling for gay & bisexual men who batter. Referrals for victims of battering. Spons by MOVE (Men Overcoming Violence). Info: 626-MOVE.

Battered Gay & Bisexual Men & Transgenders: 24-hr hotline, in-person counseling, restraining orders, support groups. Call CUAV 333-4357 (crisis) or 777-5500 (non-emergencey). Confidential.

Bay Area Lesbian/Gay Switchboard trained volunteers at Pacific Ctr listen to your concerns. Also Bay Area & nationwide info—from sports, entertainment, rap groups, counseling, AIDS info. Services provided for the hearing impaired. Call (510) 841-6224.

Epicenter Switchboard: Free, nonprofit information & refferal service offered by Epicenter Zone. The switchboard provides social services information for SF and the Bay Area—healthcare, housing, youth services, legal aid, disabled needs, activists groups, employment, women's needs; lesbian, gay, bisexual & transgender services, crisis lines, parenting help, and much more. Hrs: Mon-Sat, noon-6 pm. Call 431-4600.

SF Rape Treatment Center: 24-hr hotline—206-3222. Call for crisis intervention, medical treatment, in-person counseling and optional legal evidence collection for adult survivors of sexual assault. SFRTC is a multicultural organization supportive of lesbian, gay, biseuxal and transgender people. All services are free and confidential.

Rape Crisis Center of Contra Costa & Marin: 24-hr crisis line for sexual assault & abuse survivors. Call (510) 236-7273, (510) 798-7273, (510) 439-7273 or (415) 924-2100.

SF AIDS Foundation Hotline: (Spanish/English) info & referral to SF & No Calif (800) FOR-AIDS, TDD 864-6606. Tagalog AIDS Hotline: 1-(800) FIL-AIDS (voice/TDD). Hrs: 9 am-9 pm Mon-Fri, 11 am-5 pm Sat & Sun.

AIDS Legal Referral Panel: see AIDS Resources for details. Info: 291-5454.

Poison Control Central: 24 hr service. Over-the-phone help w/ poison emergencies. Call 476-6600.

SF Drug Line: support, info, referrals on drug problems/treatment. Call 752-3400.

Discriminated Against because of your sexual orientation? Contact SF Human Rights Commission, Lesbian/Gay Liaison Unit. There are local laws to protect you. Info: 252-2500.

Renters: Learn Your Rights! Old St. Mary's Housing Committee offers counseling & special clinics on various housing issues, including evictions, leases, etc. For info/appt: 398-0724.

SF Tenants Union: provides free walk-in or telephone counseling for members, walk-in only counseling for non-members. Call 282-6622 for info. 558 Capp St, SF.

Sentinel Fair Housing: nonprofit agency investigates complaints of housing discrimination & provides comprehensive housing counseling to residents of Northern Alameda County (also referrals for out-of-area persons). If you think you have been discriminated against, call (510) 836-2687 for help/info/referral.

ECHO Housing, a nonprofit housing agency in Alameda County, offers services to Alameda County residents including deposit & delinquent rent guarantees. (In northern Alameda County call the Rental Assistance Program (RAP) at (510) 836-4826, in southern Alameda County call RAP at (510) 581-9380). Echo also offers a county-wide homeseeking program, call (510) 581-9380 for details.

Senior Information Line: events & services available to seniors in SF, spons by SF Commission on Aging. Newsline: 552-6016. Anyone wishing to add an event should call 626-1033.

Eldercare Locator: Provides access to an extensive netowrk of organization sreving older people at state & local community levels. Call (800) 677-1116. Spons by the Nat'l Assoc of Area Agencies on Aging.

Neighbors Driving You Crazy? Community Boards can help—CB is a free, fast & effective dispute resolution service for SF residents with problems: renter/owner disputes, noise, pets, money disputes, family or housemate problems, etc. Call 239-6100 & get relief.

GLADRS (Gay & Lesbian Alternative Dispute Resolution Service) offers free, confidential panel mediation services. Get help developing a mutually-created & agreed upon solution to interpersonal, tenant/landlord, inter-and intra-group/agency and other disputes from trained lesbian, gay & bisexual mediators. Call 552-4135. 3543 18th St, Box 28, SF 94110.

Bay Area Bisexual Speakers Bureau addresses all topics related to bisexuals. Speakers available. Call 564-2226.

SF Women Against Rape provides individual & group counseling for rape survivors; also does advocacy & educational work. Info: 647-RAPE. 3543 18th St, SF 94110.

Feminist Therapy Referral Project has provided psychotherapy referrals to Eastbay women therapists since 1971. SL fees & insurance are available, for info/appt, call (510) 843-2949.

California Youth Crisis Line provides the following services to young people who have run away from home, & to their parents: crisis intervention counseling, referrals to resource agencies & a neutral message center. For help call 800-843-5200.

Diamond Street Youth Shelter provides shelter to homeless kids in SF (see Youth). 536 Central Ave btwn Hayes & Grove. Bus lines: 21 Hayes or 5 Fulton. Free. Info: 567-1020.

Child Abuse Crisis Line for adolescent victims of child abuse. Spons by SF Suicide Prevention's Youth Line program. Peer counseling support line for young abuser survivors trained in emotional support, crisis intervention & referral resources. Call 752-2000 Mon-Thurs 5-11 pm, Fri & Sat 7 pm-2 am.

Lesbian Adoptees: For information on available resources, contact Amy Jane Cheney, 647-1492.

Calif Lawyers for the Arts (CLA): nonprofit offers legal info & education to artists. Info: 775-7200.

The Calif Network of Self-Help Centers, spons by the Calif Dept of Mental Health, offers referrals to more than 3,500 free or low-cost support groups statewide (Alcoholics Anonymous, Co-dependents Anonymous, Gamblers Anonymous, etc). For info call 1-(800) 222-LINK.

AIDS/HIV Nightline: Emotional support, gen'l info: 5 pm-5 am, seven nights a week. In SF, call (415) 668-AIDS. Northern California: 1-800-273-AIDS.

SF Suicide Prevention Crisis Line: 24 hrs, every day: 221-1423.

SF Youth Line: 752-2000

SF Drug Line: 752-3400.

Dial—A-Dyke: Free telephone bulletin board for women. Call (415) 241-1564 24 hrs a day.

La Raza Lawyer Referral Service (LRLS): Get consultation with an attorney experienced in the area of law you need. Info: 641-1069.

LYRIC Youth Talkine for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender & questioning youth (23 & under): Talk to other young people, get info on events & activities. SF: 863-3636. Bay Area: 1-(800)-246-PRIDE.

Pregnancy & Parenting Resource & Referral Talk Line: Spons by Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services. Get info on concerns & questions regarding pregnancy & HIV, as well as general parenting issues. Fridays, 1-7 pm. Call 565-7674.

Deaf Gay & Lesbian Center *Informational Hotline: 255-9944 TDD. News, updates & info on Deaf lesbian & gay mtgs & events, community news and more. Hotline changed weekly on Mondays. Voice callers use California Relay 1-800-735-2922 if you do not have access to a TDD.*

► INCEST AND BATTERY

Survivors of Incest, Anonymous: 12-step, self-help group meets Thurs, 6:00-7:45 pm at the Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph at Derby, Berkeley.

Ritual Abuse Survivors ACA Mtg: Women & men share all aspects of healing from ritual abuse. Sat at 1 pm, MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Info.

SIA: Unrestricted discussion with main focus on ritual abuse. Group meets every Mon, 6-7:30 pm at Pacific Center. Mixed group, m/f. Info: Tina (510) 845-1801.

Lesbian Ritual Abuse Survivors Support Group meets weekly to share healing & support. Longterm group meets Wed eves. Free. Not a drop-in group. Call (510) 534-9928 for info.

Sexual Assault & Abuse Survivors offered individual therapy, support groups, legal advocacy & crisis line thru Rape Crisis Center of Contra Costa and Marin. Info: (510) 236-7273, (510) 798-7273, (510) 439-7273 or (415) 924-2100.

Partners of Survivors of Incest Anonymous: Support group for partners of incest survivors, ritual abuse survivors, and multiple personalities. Tues, 8-9:30 pm, free. Mandana House, 541 Mandana, Oakl. Info: (510) 839-8844.

Gay & Bisexual Men Who Batter: Are you feeling ashamed, afraid or angry about having been violent with the man you love the most? MOVE (Men Overcoming Violence) provides assistance & support for change in a safe, confidential place. Info: 626-MOVE.

Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous-SF: 12-step fellowship for batterers, based on the principles of AA. Women-only mtg: Thurs 6:30-7:30 pm, Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) of SF, 150 Eureka St, SF.

Support Group for Gay & Bisexual Men & Transgenders who are being emotionally, physically and/or sexually abused by their male partners. For info, call CUAV 777-5500. Confidential.

Support Group for Lesbians who are or have been in a battering relationship; SL. Info: Women Inc.: 864-4722.

Battered Women's Alternatives: An Eastbay resource offering services for lesbians experiencing emotional or physical abuse. Support group, shelter, counseling, legal advocacy. Info: (510) 676-2845.

Battered Lesbian Outreach: offered by Sonoma County YWCA Women's Emergency Shelter Program. Info: (707) 546-1234. Call—you are not the only one.

Battered Lesbian 24-hr hot-line, individual counseling, support grps & legal advocacy clinics. Info: WOMAN Inc. 864-4722.

Peninsula Battered Lesbian & Bisexual Women Support Group: Free, con-

fidential group offered by Support Network for Battered Women. Individual counseling & legal assistance also available. Info: Anne, Support Network for Battered Women, 940-7855.

Battered Lesbian Support Group for lesbian & bisexual women who have been physically, emotionally or sexually abused in their relationships. 8-wk group is focused on supporting women to begin the healing process & learn to have loving, safe relationships. Info/res: Alison McKenzie or Mary Lee Gates at Marin Abused Women's Services 457-2464.

La Casa de las Madres provides shelter for battered women & their children. Info: 777-1808.

Services for Battered Women: Counseling, referrals & support for women who have survived domestic violence. Free & bilingual (Eng/Span). Call Cristina at 552-2943 for info.

Servicios Para Mujeres Maltratadas: Consejo individual, recomendaciones a recursos comunitarios y apoyo para jujreres que han sobrevivido la violencia domestica. Servicios son gratuitos y bilingues esp/ing. Llame a Cristina a 552-2943 para mas informacion.

For more listings under this category, see the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under **"Incest/Battery Therapy/Support Groups".**

► PARENTING & FAMILY RESOURCES

Prospective Queer Parents Group for lesbians & gay men seeking co-parenting or known donor situations. Call Leland (510) 841-4663 for more information.

Black Female Couples With Children Group meets for support, socializing & fun. Eastbay & SF locations. Single moms are welcome! Info: Erika or Elisha (510) 293-0711.

Lesbian Moms of Young Children/Babies: Interested in networking in the Eastbay. Come to potluck/brunch—call 540-7171 for details.

Lesbians with Babies Group meets in SF. For info/location: Paula 206-1170.

Southbay Gay Parents: an organization for gay fathers & lesbian mothers. Meets 3rd Sun of each month in the San Jose area for mutual support & for exploring parenting issues. For information call (408) 293-4525 for more info.

Lesbian Mother Support Group meets Tues 10:30 am-noon at Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF. Info: Saralie Pennington, LCSW 626-7000, ext 173.

Group for Lesbian/Gay Parents or Parents-to-Be: Support, socializing, potlucks, kids' activities. Info: 648-6169.

Ever Given Up A Child for Adoption? Ongoing support group for birthmothers: offers support for healing our losses, help in searching for our children. Info: 626-8124.

Adoption Support Groups for adult adoptees, birth parents & adoptive parents. Info: Post-Adoption Ctr for Education & Research (510) 935-6622.

Chain of Life: feminist adoption reform newsletter, supports open records & search & reunification of adoptees & birth families; critiques traditional adoption practices. Edited by adoptee. For backlist/info send SASE to Chain of Life, PO Box 8081, Berkeley, CA 94707.

NOCIRC (Nat'l Organization of Circumcision Information Resource Ctrs) offers education, information & support about circumcision. Learn why circumcision is physically & emotionally damaging to children. Info: 488-9883.

GLADRS (Gay & Lesbian Alternative Dispute Resolution Service) offers free, confidential panel mediation services. Get help finding a mutually created and agreed upon solution to custody, property & other family disputes from trained lesbian, gay & bisexual mediators. Info: 552-4135. 3543 18th St, SF, Box 28, SF 94110.

Lesbian & Gay Parenting Program offered by Lyon Martin Clinic. Offers ongoing seminars, wkshops, small groups & forums for lesbians & gays thinking about parenting, and for lesbian & gay families; including 8-wk "Lesbians Considering Parenthood," and "Gay Men Considering Parenthood," Call Lyon-Martin 565-7674 for info.

The Rainbow Clinic at UCSF is a pediatric clinic for children ages 0-18, with lesbian & gay parents. Health care provided by lesbian & gay providers in a sensitive, supportive environment. Info/appt: Tamar Gershon, MD (415) 476-1777.

Operation Concern offers psychotherapy for gay/lesbian families, families with gay/lesbian children (any age), blended families and mixed orientation couples. Call Saralie Pennington at 626-7000 ext 173 to schedule an appt.

Pregnancy & Parenting Resource & Referral Talk Line: Spons by Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services. See Hotlines & Referrals.

Be sure to check the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under "Parenting" and the Parents & Kidsbox for other parenting services/info.

► PEOPLE OF COLOR

Black & White Men Together Rap/Socials: every Sat at 1350 Waller St nr Masonic, SF. Rap 6:30-9 pm. For info/mtg topic: 826-BWMT.

Bisexual People of Color Caucus: resource, support, political action, social group. Info: Lani 821-3534.

Lesbians of Color/Third World Lesbian Support Group meets Thursdays, 6:30-8pm; $3 donation (no one turned away for lack of funds); Pacific Ctr, Telegraph & Derby, Berk. Info: Camille Barber; (510) 548-8283.

Bisexual Women of Color Group—See Bisexual Groups.

Bisexual Men of Color Group—See Bisexual Groups.

Zebra Brigade: Social organization for Black and white lesbian couples. Mtgs in SF & Eastbay. For more info call (510) 528-9429.

African American lesbians 40+: monthly mtg for social activities, potluck, card & board games, theater outings & sports events. Info: Francine (510) 268-9087.

Ache: Nonprofit community organization for lesbians of African American descent. Produces monthly & annual events; provides community outreach, education & networking; publishes a bimonthly magazine of articles, conference reports, poetry & community events for and about lesbians of African American descent. For more info call 849-2819 or write: Ache, PO Box 6071, Albany, CA 94706.

Black Female Couples With Children Support Group: See Parenting.

Asian Lesbian Potluck Brunch Group meets every 4th Sun, 10 am-noon, free. A support group for Asian lesbians 35 yrs & over. Info: (510) 482-0787 or (415) 255-7560.

APBS: African American Designers: Collective of African-American fashion designers, see Professional Groups.

Free Acupuncture Services offered by Bayview-Hunter's Point Foundation for HIV positive people of color, see AIDS Resources for details.

Third World People with AIDS/ARC group spons by AIDS Project of the Eastbay. See AIDS Resources.

Asian/Pacific HIV-Positive Gay Men's support group offered by GAPA (Gay Asian Pacific Alliance), see AIDS Resources.

AIDS/HIV Info Group for Asian & Pacific Islander Men. Drop-in, free. See AIDS Resources for details. Spons by GAPA.

Gay Asian Rap Group in SF, spons by Gay Asian Pacific Alliance. Meets every other Wed, 7-9 pm. Info: 282-GAPA.

Trikone: Support group for gay & lesbian South Asians (people of Indian, Pakistani, Bangladeshi, Sri Lankan & Nepali descent). Meets 1st Sun of each month at 6 pm in San Jose. For more info write PO Box 21354, San Jose 95151-1354 or call (408) 270-8776.

CASA: Community Alternative Social Assoc. A multiracial social & community service organization for gay latinos & friends. Mtgs held every 2nd Sat of each month at Dolores Street Community Center, 208 Delores St, SF. 5-7 pm. All are welcome! Call 552-6433 for more info.

GELAAM: Gente Latina de Ambiente. A Latino/Latina lesbian, gay & bisexual organization that promotes the improvement of our community at a political, cultural, social & educational level. Gen'l mtgs every 4th Sat of every month. Newsletter & various activities. For more info write to GELAAM, 2261 Market St, PO Box 300, SF 94114 or call 267-4892.

AGUILAS (Asamblea Gay Unida Impactando Latinos/as Superase). Gay Latino organization committed to advocating & developing activities in our community which encourage positive self identities, healthy relationships & leadership skills. For mtg times & other info call Juan 648-3702 for info/location.

Latin Lesbians of the Eastbay: Social group meets monthly. Info: (510) 530-3473.

Asian Pacific Sisters (APS): an organization by and for Asian and/or Pacific Islander women who are lesbians or bisexuals. APS seeks each woman's own unique experience, whether of Pacific Islander, East Asian, Southeast Asian, South Asian, or mixed heritage. American-born or immigrant, multilingual or monolingual, physically challenged or able, all are welcome! Call Candine (415) 621-2982 or Peg (510) 531-6879 for more information.

Asian Pacifica Lesbian Network (APLN): Nat'l network for lesbians & bisexual women of Asian/Pacific Islander descent. Monthly mtgs in SF or Oakland. For times, dates & other info call (415) 928-8885 or (510) 482-0787.

Asian & Pacific Islander Gay/Bi Men's Support Group: meets Tues 6:30-8 pm at Pacific Ctr. Gay Asian men of all ages are welcome. Info/res: (510) 841-6224. 2712 Telegraph Ave at Derby, Berkeley.

Vietnamese Gay Men's Group: Share feelings, exchange information, give support. Monthly newsletter in English & Vietnamese. All Asians welcome. For details contact Brian Dang, 2200 Market St #95, SF 94114.

Vietnamese Lesbians' Group (VLG): Support group for Vietnamese lesbians & bi women, and Vietnamese women questioning their sexuality. Monthly mtgs, lots of food, fun & friends. Confidentiality respected. Info: (415) 575-3934 or (510) 676-3652.

Japanese American Gay Social (JAGS): Non-political, informal social group for persons of Japanese ancestry. Info: 584-7224.

Black Gay & Bisexual Men's Support Group: Drop-in: Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph, Berkeley. Wed 8-9:50 pm. Info: (510) 548-8283.

Gay/Asian Pacific Alliance (GAPA): group by & for gay men of Asian & Pacific Islander heritages. GAPA seeks to create a positive & visible presence for gay Asian/Pacifics in the SF Bay Area. Gen'l mtgs: every 2nd Sun of the month at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. 6-8 pm. Also bimonthly newsletter "Lavender Godzilla", write to PO Box 421884, SF CA 94142-1884 to subscribe. Info: GAPA Hotline 282-GAPA.

Support Group for Asian/Pacific Islander gay, lesbian & bisexual young people, 21 & under, spons by Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services' LYFE (Lambda Youth & Family Empowerment) program. Call Donna 565-7681 for info.

Pacific Friends-SF: Non-political organization whose sole purpose is to promote greater cross-cultural understanding & friendship between Asian/Pacific Islanders and other cultures, thru cultural, educational & social activities. Info: Elliot 564-7199.

Iranian Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual Group: Meet others like you, get support. Info: Hasha, PO Box 460 495, SF 94146-0495.

African-American Men dealing with AIDS/ARC/HIV Support Group at SF AIDS Fdn, see AIDS Resources.

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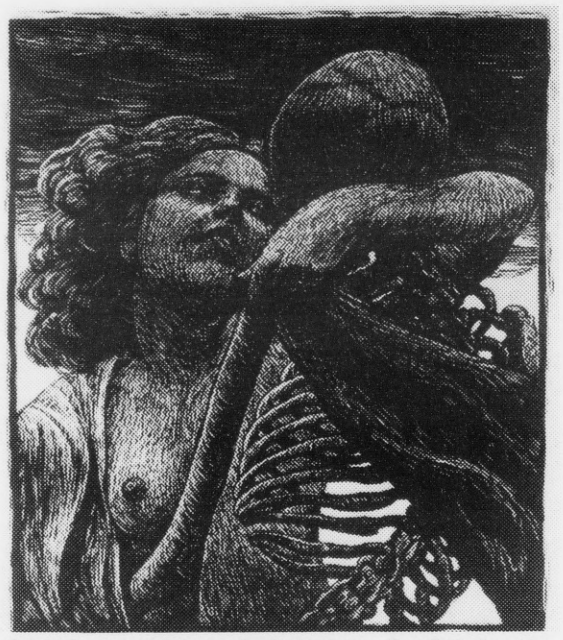
The Brothers Network provides emotional support to African American gay and bisexual men who are HIV+. Services include support groups, peer counseling. See AIDS Resources.
African-American Women with Cancer: Support group meets every other Mon 6:30-8 pm at the Women's Cancer Resource Ctr, 3023 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-WCRC or (510) 548-9272 for more information.
Lesbians of Color sobriety support group at Iris Project, see Addiction Recovery.
Motorcycle Club for Black gay women. Info: 1081 Alameda #117, Belmont CA 94002.
Artists of Color Open Mike Night at Ohama Cultural Ctr: Every 2nd & 4th Thurs of the month. 7 pm, $5. 4345 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: (510) 658-1868.
Sonoma County Women of Color Fun Day: Meet other women of color at noon in the Northbay on first Sun of each month for hiking, movie-watching, shopping, beach trips, coffee, etc. Info: (707) 887-1221.
African-American Young Men: Discussion group spons by LYRIC, see Youth.
Bay Area Native Women Writers Circle for American Indian, Native Alaskan/Hawaiian, Canadian First Nations, and other international indigenous women writers—see Performance & Writing Groups.
Lesbians of Color Project of the National Center for Lesbian Rights welcomes interested lesbians of color to join the Lesbians of Color Community Advisory Committee. LOC Project provides free direct legal assistance, information & access to various lesbians of color communities. Info: Stephanie Smith, Lesbians of Color Project Coordinator, 621-0674.
Lesbians of Color Therapy Group meets Thurs 5:30-7 pm. Spons by Operation Concern. SL fee. 1853 Market St, SF. Info: Micaela Lovett, 626-7000.

► PERFORMANCE

Mothertongue Feminist Theater Collective welcomes any woman with ideas to share & stories to tell—writing & performing experience not necessary. Info: (510) 848-5966.
VOICES: Bay Area lesbian choral ensemble covers the musical map, performing everything from madrigals and contemporary music to blues & jazz. For more info or to be on mailing list call (510) 486-8984.
Lesbian/Gay Chorus of SF invites you to join in making music & having fun. Ability to read music a plus, but not necessary. Rehearsal times & other info: 861-7067.
The Society of Gay & Lesbian Composers encourages the composition of music that conveys the attitudes, ideals & uniqueness of gay & lesbian cultures. Group sponsors 3 annual concerts, plus monthly business & social mtgs (usually in SF) where composers can meet & share their music & ideas. For info/location of next mtg call 333-2755. For brochure/membership application or other info write PO Box 14521, SF CA 94114.
GAWK (Gay Artists & Writers Kollective). Join rock musicians, singers, writers, cartoonists, comedians & others for eclectic, upbeat, fun socializing. Info: Jon Sugar 731-2424 or write (with SASE) 901 Stanyan St #14, SF 94117.
Fat Lip Readers Theatre: political theatre collective of fat, fiesty & diverse women who strut their stuff on stage & video, and in wkshops. Submissions of poetry, prose, stories & analysis with a fat liberation perspective are welcome & respected. Info: PO Box 29963, Oakl 94604; (510) 655-7404.
Jon Sims Center for the Performing Arts: Multidisciplinary lesbian/gay arts organization offering instrumental, dance & vocal opportunities, and video opportunities, in a fun "family" atmosphere. The Center also offers studio & office rentals. 1519 Mission St, SF. Info: Lauren 554-0402.
Visual Artists Critique Group: Ongoing group mtgs provide consistent & informed feedback to visual artists. Queer artists, artists of color & activist artists are especially encouraged. Info: Claude 821-7931.
Mark I Chester's SEXART Salon: Salon & parties focused on sexuality & creativity. Participants share artwork (your own or someone else's) such as reading, performance & static art that explores sex, sexuality & eroticism. New performers welcome, regardless of experience. Events are open to men & women of all sexualities. Info: 544-1136 (leave message).
Bay Area Raw Rahs: Collegiate-style cheerleading/precision dance group open to men & women who are interested in mastering and performing dance routines, human pyramids, partner lifts & gymnastic stunts. Practices held Tues, 6-8 pm at Jon Sims Center, Mission St, SF. Info: Steve (510) 228-7497 or Michael (415) 863-0533.
SF Fringe Riders perform country western dance routines at fundraising & gay/lesbian events throughout Calif. Membership in this all-women dance troupe is open to all women who demonsrate dance ability and are intersted in promoting country western dancing. For membership info call (510) 482-1830; for performance or other info call (510) 939-4406 or (415) 647-9670.
931 Cloggers: All-women's clogging team from San Jose. Group performs at rodeos, conventions, SF Freedom Day Parade and many other charity events. Info: Jaci Murray (510) 264-1529.
LIPS. (Lesbian Installation Projects). Work on an installation concerning Sappho, with other lesbian artists. Artists in all media & musicians are welcome. Lunchtime potluck & ideas exchange. Info/location: (510) 222-7989.
Just A Stage Lesbian & Gay Improv Comedy Theater Group: Wkly open workshops in improv with Just A Stage performers. New members are always welcome! Info: Ed 824-7929.

► POLITICAL

Queer Nation: A working activist group which utilizes direct action to oppose & eliminate heterosexism & homophobia. For meeting times, location & info call the Queer Line, 985-7141.
Transgender Nation: A diverse group of transgendered and non-transgendered people united in anger & resolved to directly empower all transgendered people by direct political action. For info call 586-6409 or write 584 Castro St #288, SF 94114.
Queers for Cuba works to fight US blockade of Cuba & build solidarity with Cuban people, especially queers & people with AIDS/HIV. Group informs queer communities about Cuba, while combatting homophobia within the solidarity movement. Group is inclusive of gays, lesbians, bisexuals & transgender people, and operates from the belief that the struggle for queer liberation must also be a struggle against racism, sexism & class inequalities. For mtg time & place call 995-4678.
ACT UP East Bay currently works on insurance discrmination & housing issues. Meets monthly, call (510) 547-7538 for time & place, or write PO Box 8074, Oakl CA 94608.
ACT UP/Golden Gate holds general meetings on Tues 7 pm at 590 Castro St, Ste B, SF (2nd level, call ahead if you need special assistance. Info: 241-8800, FAX 252-9277. Mailing address: 519 Castro St, MS-93, SF 94114.
Barbara McClintock Project Working Group seeks support for HR 3310, to establish a Manhattan/Apollo-style project to find a cure/effective treatment for AIDS. Info: (510) 547-7538. 3872 Shafter, Ste B, Oakland CA 94609.
Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) works for fair & diverse coverage of lesbians, gays & bisexuals, and fights stereotypical portrayals in the print & electronic media. To report a defamation, call the hotlines: SF (415) 861-4588, EB (510) 273-9146, (SB) (408) 235-0229. Fax (415) 861-4893 or send photocopies or tapes to GLAAD, 514 Castro St, Ste B, SF 94114.
GLAAD East Bay meets 4th Sun of every month, 7 pm, at Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley.
GLAAD South Bay meets 4th Sun of every month at 7 pm, at the Billy DeFrank Center, 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose.
GLAAD North Bay: Meets 2nd Tues of each month, 7 pm at Spectrum Center for Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Concerns, 1000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd, Room #12, SF. Info: Kenny Altman 647-3055.
Lesbian Uprising! A feminist political, educational & cultural group of Bay Area lesbians who envision a return to the radical ideals of the women's liberation movement; recognize the deep connection between the personal & the political, & seek means to embody those connections in concrete ways. Group defends & empowers women by being visible, participating in street demos, etc. Group also meets twice monthly to discuss exciting feminist literature & theory. Interested? Call Gail 441-6238 or write PO Box 423555, SF CA 94142 for free copy of monthly newsletter/calendar.
Lesbian Avengers: Direct action group focused on issues vital to lesbian survival & visibility. Open to all women. Group meets Mon at 7 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. For info/location call 267-6195.
NGLTF (Nat'l Gay & Lesbian Task Force): Local unit of nat'l lesbian/gay rights organization meets 2nd & 4th Wed of each month at 6:30 pm. Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Info: (415) 541-5013.
Stonewall Gay Democratic Club: A demo club for women & men which focuses on Democratic pollitics as well as AIDS, breast cancer & gay freedom issues. Meets 1st Tues of each month at 7:30 pm at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Mtgs are often panel discussions of current topics of interest to the lesbian, gay & bisexual communities, interspersed with political endorsement meetings. Visitors welcome! Info: Steve Kline, 824-2671 or 255-8673.
Men Against Circumcision: Nat'l organization for support & activism. Runs Harm Documentation Project and Action Alert Network. For more info write NOHARMM, PO Box 460795, SF 94146 or call Tim 826-9351.
Berkeley Women in Black: Weekly vigil for peace in the Middle East and against the Israeli occupation of Palestinian lands. Non-hierarchical, diverse group of women who strive to build a non-patriarchal peace culture based upon the values of caring, equality and democratic empowerment. Meet Fridays from noon-1 pm at the corner of Bancroft Ave & Telegraph Ave in Berkeley, at Sather Gate. If possible, wear black. For more info write PO Box 936, Berkeley 94701 or call (510) 644-0480.
LAGAI (Lesbians & Gays Against Intervention in Central America), one of SF's most enduring radical queer groups. Group of lesbians & gay men working cooperatively & joyfully together to create revolution. Mtgs every other Mon night. For info call 664-9814 (eves) or write 3543 18th St, Box 26, SF 94110
Women Against Imperialism (WAI): 3543 18th St #14, SF 94110. Actions and events hotline number: 995-4735.
United in Spirit: Interfaith coalition formed to stop the Religious Right's anti-gay agenda through educational programs and peaceful confrontation. Info: 974-4383.



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► PROFESSIONAL GROUPS

Golden Gate Business Association (GGBA): comprised of gay & lesbian businesses, professionals, artisans & individuals throughout the Bay Area. Monthly networking events & more. For membership & event info call (415) 441-3651 or (800) 272-0278. Office Hrs: Mon-Fri 11 am-4 pm.
Brava! For Women in the Arts: multicultural organization of women artists who promote excellence among women in the arts thru professional presentation of established women artists, as well as providing services & assistance to emerging women artists. Info: 641-7657.
Federal Lesbians & Gays (FLAG) offers support, advice & activities for Federal employees. Mtg 2nd Wed of each month, 6 pm, SF location. Info: (510) 528-4427.
G/LOV: Gay/Lesbian Organization of Videomakers: Monthly meetings for people involved in all aspects of video & film production. Info: Nikos Diaman 775-6143.
Chevron Lesbian & Gay Employees Association: Call 281-0788 for meeting times & other information.
United Airlines Lesbian & Gay Employees Coalition: Group lobbies for domestic partnership benefits & encourages company participation in gay & lesbian events. For info write GLUE Coalition, 2261 Market St, #293, SF 94114-1693 or call (800) 999-3448.
Women's Business Network (WBN) provides practical support for women in business & women changing careers. Educational networking events, monthly newsletter, low-interest loans for women in business and women changing careers. Info/complimentary newsletter: WBN (510) 482-8583.
Gays & Lesbians in Planning: Social group for gay men, lesbians & bisexuals in city planning & related professions. Bimonthly potluck dinners, short programs & social events. Info: 626-5750.
BANGLE (Bay Area Network of Gay & Lesbian Educators) supports lesbian, gay & bisexual educators by providing monthly social gatherings & working for equality in education. Membership confidential. Educators, their families & friends are welcome. Info: SF—(415) 285-5078, Eastbay (510) 234-4627, Contra Costa County (510) 687-4851, Southbay (408) 298-1231, Sonoma County (707) 526-7931.
APB: African-American Designers, a collective of African-American fashion dsigners seek other designers (clothing makers, textile designers, accessory makers, etc. Support groups, resource sharing, networking. Info: 207-6850.
National Lesbian & Gay Journalists Association (NLGJA): The gay "j<" are journalists & supporters focusing on workplace & coverage issues in the mainstream media. Info: 905-4690.
GAYLESTA (Gay & Lesbian Therapist Association) of the Bay Area. For newsletter/more info call (510) 339-8077.
Forty Plus: Nonprofit organization of managers & professionals over 40 seeking employment. Meets Mon at 8 am at 7440 Lockheed St, near Oakland International Airport. Presentations by experts in job search or career change. Call (510) 430-2400. Orientation sessions held 10 am each Wed at Forty Plus, San Jose Center, 1250 Aviation Ave, SJ. Call (408) 288-3555 for details. Free. Newcomers are welcome! Info: (510) 430-2400.
Break Out: Networking group for gay/lesbian trainers and human resource/organizational development professionals. Social & professional network. Monthly programs provide an opportunity to interact informally or hear presentations on topics of interest. To get on mailing list or for more info call Andy Black (415) 626-4071 or Grace Greenberg (510) 465-0341

► SENIORS

Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) offers various groups (writing, outings, discussion, etc) of interest to lesbians & gay men. For info on groups offered call 626-7000.
Senior Information Line:—see Hotlines & Referrals.
St Francis of Assisi Community invites all seniors age 60 & over to share a nutritious free lunch, Mon-Sun at noon. $1.25 suggested donation. Group also offers full, free activities program for seniors, including craft classes, day trips, bingo, exercise classes, health education & health screenings. For meal reservations or copy of activities calendar call 861-5790, 9 am-noon. 145 Guerrero St, SF.
Senior Information & Referral Service, spons by the SF Commission on the Aging, is located at 25 Van Ness Ave, Suite 750, SF. 24-hour phone line: 626-1033.
Eldercare Locator helps families & friends find information about community services for older people, anywhere in the United States and its territories. The service is funded in part by the Older Americans Act. For info call (800) 677-1116.
Lesbians Age-Related Eyesight Loss Group: Self-help group for older lesbians who are experiencing age-related eyesight loss. Group explores practical, social & emotional issues of eyesight loss & aging from a feminist perspective. Spons by the Nat'l Assoc for Visually Handicapped. Info: 221-3201.

► SOCIAL GROUPS

Girth & Mirth Club of SF meets every Sat. Chubbies meet chasers meet chubbies. For info write: 176-B Page St, SF 94102 or call 24-hr message hotline: 552-1143.
UCGALA (Univ of Calif Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc). Open to graduates and anyone else who is a friend of the University. Annual membership: $20. For info & to get on mailing list (confidentiality assured), call 267-3150. Monthly social & cultural events.
Cal Poly GALA (Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc) provides social & cultural support for lesbian, gay & bisexual students, curricula & activites; and serves the needs alumni & future alumni. Absolute confidentiality assurred. Info: (408) 245-7179.
Multicultural Bisexual Lesbian & Gay Alliance at UC Berkeley (MBLGA): See Support Groups.
Sunset Rising: Sunset District (Inner & Outer) gays, lesbians & bisexuals gather for social & volunteer activities. Join us! Info: 753-6435.
Fremont Men Social Group: Potlucks, dinners, hikes, etc; in the Fremont area. For newsletter or other info write PO Box 1238, Fremont, CA 94538 or call (510) 713-2455, (510) 596-3578.
Berkeley Flats Dykes (BFD) meets 10:30-1:30 pm on the last Sun of each month for potluck brunch. You don't have to live in the Berkeley Flats to attend, just bring something to eat or drink. Call the hotline (510) 273-2465 for location.
A Place to Meet: Social group for gay men, lesbians & bisexuals. Meets Mon at 7 pm at the Center, 4725 First St, Ste 205, Pleasanton. Info: Claudia Hartley (510) 462-5544.
Melting Pot Luck/Palo Alto meets monthly in our homes. All ages, males, females, singles & couples are welcome for neighborhood socials. Info: Bob 857-9079.
Melting Pot Luck/San Mateo County meets monthly in our homes. All ages, singles & couples, multiracial, diversity welcome. Info: Owl, 325-9266.
Coastside Social Group (Pacifica-Half Moon Bay Area) for gays, lesbians, family & friends. Info: Laura 359-0207 or Paul 726-2838.
Albany Dykes: Join your neighbors for potluck Sun brunch! Info/location: Barbara or Judy (510) 528-9026.
Oakland Lesbians living between Telegraph, Broadway, 40th & 51st Streets: Meet your lesbian neighbors for community & fun! Call (510) 655-8792 for more info & to get on the mailing list.
Island of Alameda Lesbians offers monthly potluck. Come meet your neighbors! Info: (510) 748-0127.
Solano Lambda Men's Assoc: Offers alternative events for gay men. Rap group, social activities, etc. Meets 2nd & 4th Tues of each month in Vacaville, call (707) 448-1010 for info/location.
Napa Valley Men's Network: Social organization of gay and bisexual men over 18, from Northbay counties. Group meets for potluck dinners on the 2nd Sun of each month, and for addt'l events as scheduled. For newsletter, write PO Box 4307, Napa 94558.
Jewish Lesbian & Bi Women of the Southbay: Group meets bimonthly for social activities: potluck brunches, game nights, hikes, movies. Come schmooze, nosh & meet other Southbay Jewish women! Info: Joyce 965-8416.
Peninsula Bi Guys Group: See Bisexual.
Women Over 50 Social Group meets every 3rd Sun from 3-5 pm, in Los Gatos. Other events arranged. Info: (408) 354-4397 or (415) 558-8366.
Forties, an informal social club for gaymen in Santa Cruz County. Group holds a potluck on the 2nd Fri of every month. For info/location: call Ramon (408) 423-1155.
Generation X: Animated social/discussion group for gay men in their 20s. Meets biweekly to explore issues of gay angst & recreation. Topics include internalized homophobia, relationships & careers. Also potlucks, outdoor adventures. Info: Raman 771-4291 or Albert 252-9097.
Asian Lesbian Potluck Brunch Group, see People of Color.
Bridging the Gap Alliance: Social/political group of deaf, hard of hearing and hearing lesbians. Meets monthly (mtgs in ASL). New signers are welcome! Info: write BGA, PO Box 5669, Berkeley CA 94705.
East Bay Network: Club for gay community socializing. Anytime, on-line 24 hrs. Computer & modem required. Call (510) 827-0470. Modem (510) 827-3894.
New Horizons: Social/support/volunteer group for young adults in their twenties. Meet Thurs in San Anselmo, Marin at the YWCA, 1000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd. New members drop-in at 7:45 pm, gen'l mtgs 8-9:30 pm. Info: 457-3523.
Eastbay Dykes Separatist Social Group meets for fun, discussion, and to expand our Separatist support network. Assume no s/m, drugs, alcohol, smoking or perfume. Info/location: (510) 482-0635 or (510) 655-8792.
The Irish Lesbian & Gay Organization meets monthly. Info/location: 929-8877.
Negatives Being Positive: Social group of HIV negative gay men, spons by the AIDS Health Project. See Main Calendar listings for upcoming events or call the Event Line 476-6448 and press option 4 at the recorded message.
Coastside Social Group (Pacifica-Half Moon Bay Area) for gays, lesbians, family & friends. Info: Laura 359-0207 or Paul 726-2838.
The Guys: A social alternative for athletic, active gay guys. Sun brunches, Tahoe, hiking, beaches, biking, pool, bowling, etc. Info:(510) 531-5836.
Couples Club of SF Bay Area: Group supports positive aspects of gay & lesbian relationships by providing social & educational activities for same-sex couples. Info: Mark & Mike 242-0319 or Robin & Ro 731-8960.
Queer Deadheads gather for social events. For info/newsletter: Dave 285-6286.
Brainy, Artsy Gals: Social group for women into good food & conversation about the arts. Meets 1st Fri of each month, SF & Eastbay locations. Info: (510) 658-9389.
Der Deutsche Freundschaftskreis, a German-speaking potluck social group meets on the 3rd Fri of each month. All levels welcome. Info: Don 329-1438.
Avis Au Public: San Franciscains emmenez votre etendard. Parlons Francais ensemble. Potluck chaque 1er vendredi du mois. Info: 771-2954.
Utne-Style Salon: Engage in substantial discussion of politics, art, spirituality, activism, humor, gaia, etc. Snobbery—no; real talk—yes. Women & people of color are especially encouraged. Meets twice a month. Info: Sheila 695-2968 or Mitchell 861-5673.
SF Lesbian Teatime Group: Social group for SF lesbians meets monthly at teatime in the City for socializing, fun. For info/location call Dionne, 922-2137.
Dykes & Their Dogs/Eastbay: Group for dykes & our dogs meets 2nd & 4th Sundays. Call Roz (510) 581-7212 for info.
SF Lesbians & Their Dogs: Share dogwalks, dogsitting, and other canine-related activities. Info: 563-9074.
SF Francis Club: A gay male/lesbian club offering social activities as an alternative to the bars. Events include drop-ins at member's homes, theater parties, recreational activites & annual galas. Info: 905-9646.

► SPIRITUALITY

Shabbat Services with Sha'ar Zahav, Jewish lesbian/gay congregation. Every Fri at 8:15 pm & 2nd Saturday of each month, 10:30 am. 220 Danvers (upper Market), SF. 861-6932.
Temple Israel of Alameda: A caring & inclusive congregation, everyone is welcome. Fri services at 8 pm. Family Service 1st Fri of the month at 7:30 pm. 1st & 3rd Sat of month: 10 am study, 11 am Minyan. 3183 Mecartney Rd, Alameda. Info: Kathy or Joyce (510) 653-8494.
Temple Sinai of Oakland congregation cares & welcomes everyone to services: Fri at 8:15 pm; first Fri of the month is a family service, held at 7:30 pm. Shabbat morning service at 10:30 am, preceded by Torah study at 9. 2808 Summit St, Oakl. Info: (510) 451-3263.
Jewish Lesbians, bisexual women & women friends meet to celebrate Shabbat, 1st Fri of each month, alternating btwn SF & EB locations. Join us for letting go of the week & your work, bringing in Shabbat with song, food, schmoozing & Jewish culture. Bring a substantial vegetarian potluck dish to share. Please wear no scents. Info: (510) 654-8104.
Nishmat Shalom: An Eastbay feminist minyan. Semi-traditional havura, first Sat of each month at 10 am. Services followed by vegetarian potluck. Women, men, gay, straight, bi welcome. Call (510) 559-9759 for details.
Hartford Zen Center: A Zen Buddhist temple in the heart of the Castro lesbian, gay, bi community. Zazen meditation schedule: morning & evening, Mon-Fri. Meditation & lecture Sat morning. Come learn Zen meditation, benefit yourself & others. Abbott Zenshin Philip Whalen. Info: 863-2507.
Dharma Sisters: Group for lesbian & bi women practicing or interested in any

form of Buddhism. Weekly women's sitting, monthly meetings, special events, mutual support. All women are welcome! Info: 826-7990.

Sadhana Brothers: Open to gay men pursuing a Hindu/yoga/metaphysical path. Info: Ed 647-4388.

Gay Buddhist Fraternity: For gay men who practice any form of the Buddhadharma, or who are interested in practicing. Meet 2nd & 4th Sun of each month in a beautiful SF meeting place for meditation, discussion & interaction. Additional group events & retreats held occasionally. Beginners welcome! For info call 974-9878, please leave your phone number.

Vajrayana Buddhist Support Group for gay/bisexual men meets in SF. Practitioners of Tibetan Buddhism are welcome to join a supportive circle of male friends. Info: 974-9878.

Tayu Center: a Fourth Way spiritual school directed by Robert Daniel Ennis, a modern gay spiritual adept. Study groups meet 2nd Fri of each month at 7:30 pm in the Eastbay (776 Colusa Ave, El Cerrito), 3rd Tues at 8 pm in Marin (786 Marin Dr, Mill Valley) and last Tues at 8 pm in Sebastopol (898 Daniel St). Includes co-meditation (2-person), reading & discussion of Fourth Way material. Info: (707) 829-9579.

Sunday's Women gather to explore the Goddess Movement, network with other spiritual women. Guest speakers. 3rd Sun of each month, Montclair Women's Club, 1650 Mountain Blvd, Oakl. $7-10 donation. Spons by Women's Spirituality Forum. Call the Goddess Hotline, (510) 444-7724, for info on current & upcoming events.

Women's Circle Network: If you are in a women's circle & would like to connect with a community of women's circles contact Emerald at 2124 Kittredge #11, Berkeley 94704. Call (510) 652-6355.

Witches Support Group meets to address issues. Women only. Jewish witches especially welcome. Info: 985-7473 leave message for Janette.

Women's Spirituality Circle: Eastbay. Tues 7:30 pm. Free. Info: (510) 444-3337 or (415) 648-7592.

Imaging the Goddess as a personal, political & fun action. Make a unique politicl statement, explore your creativity & connections to strong images of wimmin. Free wkshops offered throughout Spring, all wimmin welcome, art-phobics especially encouraged. Eastbay & SF locations, call (510) 655-2179 for info.

J Krishnamurti Dialogues & Video Screenings offered in SF and the Eastbay. Dialogues are held every Mon in SF. Call (415) 469-0606 for time, location & other info.

Gay/Lesbian/Bi Spiritual Support Group in the Southbay. Focus on personal growth, self-awareness/help, books, enneagram. Higher Self, transcendence, meditation, etc. Info: Bradford (408) 446-9067.

Unitarian Universalist Church: Sun services at 11 am. Potluck every 2nd Sun. Congregation working toward becoming an intentionally welcoming community to lesbians, gays & bisexuals. 1187 Franklin St at Geary, SF.

Walnut Creek Interweave, a chapter of Unitarian Universalists addressing concerns of gays, lesbians, TV, Bi, TS & straight allies meet last Sun of each month at Mt Diablo Unitarian Universalist church, noon-1 pm after the 10:30 am service. Info: Alison (510) 228-0323.

St Marks Lutheran Church Communion: Sun, 9 & 11 am, 1111 O'Farrell at Gough, SF. Info: 928-7770.

Gay Men's Radical Faery Circle comes together every Thurs night at 8 pm. Bring instruments & energy! Info/location: 626-3369.

St Paul's Lutheran Church: worship & Eucharist, Sun, 10 am. 1658 Excelsior Ave, Oakl (just off I-580). Info: 530-6333.

Dolores Street Baptist Church: Small, inclusive & caring congregation of folks from many backgrounds & religious traditions. Sunday: 9:30 am Biblical Discernment on Today's Issues; 11 am worship. 208 Dolores St, SF. Call 861-1434 for more info or church vision statement. Everyone welcome!

Acceptance: Baptist Bible Study & support group meets Wednesdays, 7:30 pm. Location varies. Everyone is welcome. For info: 843-9705, 626-5034.

American Baptists Concerned: a supportive community of gay/lesbian Baptists & friends. Meets at 5 pm the first Sun of each month for fellowship and a potluck. Everyone is welcome! Also publishes quarterly newsletter, *Voice of the Turtle*. To join mailing list send $10 to ABC, 872 Erie St, Oakl 94610. For mtg & group info: (510) 465-8652.

Lakeshore Avenue Baptist Church (American Baptist) is an inclusive church welcoming & affirming gay men & lesbians. Worship 10 am Sun at 3534 Lakeshore Ave & Mandana, Oakland. Gay/lesbian group, American Baptists Concerned, meets the first Sun of each month. For more info call (510) 893-2484.

First Baptist Church, Berkeley welcomes and affirms lesbian, gay & bisexual people in all lay & professional ministries. Small, friendly, energetic congregation. Worship services Sun at 10 am in the chapel at the corner of Dana & Durant, Berkeley. Rev Esther Hargis, pastor. Info: (510) 848-5838.

Bethany United Methodist Church: Caring & inclusive congregation, every person is welcome. Church reaches out to the lesbian & gay community. Sun worship at 11 am. 1268 Sanchez St at Clipper, SF. Info: 647-8393.

Montclair Presbyterian Church welcomes gay & lesbian people to worship & join in the church's many social justice & support programs. Worship service uses inclusive language. 10 am worship, 10 am church school & nursery for children. 5101 Thornhill Drive, Oakl. Info: Rev Chuck McClain or Rev Cindy Crowner, (510) 339-1131.

Seventh Ave Presbyterian Church: Inclusive community; gay, lesbian & straight, all ages. Come join, you're welcome! Sun worship at 10:30 am. 1329 7th Ave, SF. Info: 664-2543.

St John's Presbyterian Church: An inclusive "More Light" congregation in south Berkeley, nr the University campus, welcomes & affirms gay men & lesbians. Services 10 am Sun at 2727 College Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-6830.

Alameda First Congregational Church holds that all people are equally loved & accepted. You are welcome to Sun services at 10:30 am, 1912 Central Ave, Alameda. Info: (510) 522-6012.

First Congregational Church of Christ: Post & Mason Sts, SF. A Church "open & affirming" of all people, with active lesbian & gay members involved in all levels of church life & worship. Info: 392-7461.

St John's United Church of Christ, Laguna Honda at Woodside. An open & affirming church, welcoming people of all ages, races, shapes, sizes and abilities. Worship at 10 am with people who are single, married, divorced, widowed, gay & lesbian. Diversity is encouraged & celebrated. People who love to sing are especially welcome! Info: 731-9333.

First Congregational Church/United Church of Christ: An "open & affirming" church that began ordaining gays & lesbians in 1972. Worship services 5:30 pm Sat ? 9 & 11 am Sun. Free validated parking at Sutter/Stockton garage. Post & Mason Sts, SF. Info: 392-7461.

Church of the Advent of Christ the King (Episcopal). Sunday Services: 9 am low mass, 11 am solemn mass. Evening prayer 6 pm daily. 261 Fell St, SF. Info: 431-0454.

Christian Women's Support Group meets 4th Sat of each month. Inclusive language eucharist, potluck, fellowship. Info: Kris Wagner 534-5546, Bonita Palmer 647-8390.

Dignity/SF: Faith community of lesbian, gay & bisexual Catholics, their friends & families. Celebration of the eucharist with inclusive language & song every Sun at 5:30 pm at 7the Ave Presbyterian Church, 1329 7th Ave, SF. For info & a newcomer packet leave message at 681-2491.

Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) of SF: Sun worship services: 9 am, 11 am & 7 pm. AIDS ministry (see AIDS Resources), women's & men's groups, children's programming & educational series. Rev Jim Mitulski, pastor. 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 863-4434.

Golden Gate MCC Sun worship services: 12:45 & 7 pm; 11 am bible study. 1600 Clay St, SF. Rev Buddy Trulock, pastor. Lesbian & gay Christians welcome all to enjoy nourishing worship & fellowship of Jesus Christ. Info: 567-9080.

New Life MCC Sun worship service: 1823 9th St at Hearst, Berkeley. Sun worship 12:30 pm; potluck every 3rd Sun. Song & prayer service 1st Thurs, 7:30 pm. Call for info on bible study–support group. Info: Rev Barry Wichmann and Rev Leslie Addison (510) 843-9355.

MCC of San Lorenzo meets at Christ Lutheran Church, 100 Hacienda St at Hathaway, San Lorenzo. Services Sun at 6 pm. Interim pastor: Rev Michael England. Info: (510) 481-9720.

Diablo Valley MCC Sun worship service, 10 am, 2253 Concord Blvd, Concord. Wed worship, 7 pm, followed by lay ministry courses at 8:15 pm. Info: (510) 827-2960.

New Hope! MCC of Santa Rosa meets 11:30 am at 3632 Airway Dr, Santa Rosa. All lifestyles welcome! Pastor Bob Cunningham. Info: (707) 526-HOPE.

Russian River MCC Sun worship service: Noon, 14520 Armstrong Woods Rd, Guerneville. Info: Rev Betty Pederson (707) 869-0552.

Evangelicals Concerned-SF Bay Area: Local chapters in SF, Eastbay, San Jose, of national pro-lesbian/gay Christian organization. Weekly discussion/Bible study groups, social activities & retreats. Be affirmed of both your sexuality & spirituality. Call Andrea or Jeff at (415) 621-ECWR (3297) for details.

Agape Full Gospel Fellowship: Ministry for all communities. Promotes spiritual, mental, physical & social wholeness thru Jesus Christ. Sunday worship service at 1 pm at 50 Belcher, SF. Thurs bible study at 7 pm, call for location. Info: Pastor Mike Arbuckle 861-2934.

Freedom in Christ Evangelical Church: Group of born-again Christian gays & lesbians reaching out with a message of Christ's resotring love to all people. Worship service Sun at 11 am at Jon Sims Center, 1519 Mission St, SF. Bible study Tues at 7:30 pm at Dolores Street Baptist Church, 208 Dolores St, SF. Info: Call 563-2973, or write Box 14462, SF 94114.

St Michael's Ecumenical Catholic Church: Pro-gay, independent denomination. Sun services at 10 am, 21956 Russian River Ave, Villa Grande. Info: Bishop Mark Shirilau (707) 865-0119.

Icon Orthodox Fellowship: Support group by & for gay & lesbian Orthodox Christians. HIV-positive people are especially welcome. Info/brochure: 673-6729, 11 am-7 pm.

Saint Raphael's Liberal Catholic Church: An apostolic church based on theosophical ideals & freedom of thought. Homage to Our Lady held every Sun at 9:45 am, mass at 10 am. Services held at 220 Danvers St at Caselli, SF. Open communion. Everyone welcome. Info: Rev Martin Nowinski 550-1576.

GLAD (Gay, Lesbian & Affirming Disciples/Christian Church) meet the 3rd Sun of each month at University Christian Church, 2401 Le Conte Ave, Berkeley. 4-7 pm. Potluck. Info: (510) 644-1823.

Affirmation: Gay & Lesbian Mormons meet every Sun at 5:30 pm at the Pension Hotel, 1668 Market St between Van Ness Ave & Market Sts, SF. Come meet queer Mormons in a social support group not affiliated with the LDS church. Info: (415) 641-4554 or (510) 658-1839.

Gay Clergy Support: Group for Professed Religious who wish to social & exchange with other gay religious & clergy who believe in their unique calling as gays in the Church. Info: 584-1034.

► SPORTS

Berkeley & Eastbay Athletes interested in becoming involved with the group coordinating the Eastbay's effort for the 1994 Gay Games in New York: Contact Chris (510) 649-1408 for details.

SF Frontrunners Social running & walking club for lesbians, gays & bisexuals, & their friends. All levels welcome. Regular wkly runs: Sat 9 am, Stow Lake Boathouse, Golden Gate Park; 1 mi. walk or 1-5 mi. runs, no-host brunch follows; Tues 6:30 pm, Ferry Bldg (under clock tower), up to 5 mi. flat run along Embarcadero; Sun 9 am, Dolores Park. Info: Jim Durkin 863-0954.

Eastbay Frontrunners Club sponsors noncompetitive runs in various Eastbay locations. Runs begin at 9:30 am, and are followed by brunch. Info: Greg (510) 482-4391, Roz (510) 939-3579 or Bill (510) 528-0339.

Baylands Frontrunners: Social and running/walking club sponsors noncompetitive runs in various Southbay & Peninsula locations. Men & women welcome. Group meets every Sat at 9 am at the Baylands Athletic Center in Palo Alto. For more info call (408) 984-4076.

SF Hiking Club: join us for day trips, backpacking & social activities. See calendar listing for this month's schedule. For more info write: SF Hiking Club, PO Box 14065, SF 94114 or call 826-3489 eves.

Different Spokes/SF: Bicycling group for Bay Area gays & lesbians interested in non-competitive cycling, both on road bikes & mountain bikes. Several trips each month, plus regular "Decide & Ride" each Sun at 10 am, leaving from McLaren Lodge, Golden Gate Park, SF. For schedule/newsletter call 282-1647 or write PO Box 14711, SF CA 94114.

Marin Hike & Bike Club for Gay & Bi Men: Enjoy the company of other athletic guys while hiking, biking, camping, etc; or for informal social gatherings. No membership fees. Info: 927-3827.

Gay/Lesbian Sierrans: escape the madness of the city, explore & appreciate the beautiful outdoors. GLS presents 1-3 hikes each week; plus monthly program on 3rd Tues of each month, 7:30 pm, Nat'l Sierra Club, Polk St at Ellis, SF. For SIGN, call TDD (510) 653-6127. For info & free sample newsletter, call 281-5666 (24-hrs).

Gay/Lesbian Sierrans Loma Prieta (Southbay) Chapter: 2448 Watson Court, Palo Alto, 94303. Call voicemail (408) 236-2170 for info.

Wilderness Women explore the great outdoors. Hikes, nature study, camping, ski trips & more. All adventures shared with friendly women. $5/yr. Calendar/newsletter. Write 5329 Manila Ave, Oakl, 94618. Info: (510) 658-2196.

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For more information, call the talkline number (above) and see the Bay Times listings under youth. LYRIC activities are for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning youth 23 and under.

Golden Gate Wrestling Club holds Olympic Freestyle Wrestling practices twice weekly. All weights, skill levels & ages welcome. Large facility, accessible to public transit. Practices: Thurs at 7 pm, Sun at 12:30 pm. Info: Gene 821-2991.

SF Wrestling Club: all forms & wrestling styles; all ages, weights & experience levels welcome. Call (510) 538-8490 or (415) 821-9721 for details.

Motorcycle Club for Black gay women. For info write: 1081 Alameda #117, Belmont, CA 94002.

Pegasus Motorcyle Club for gay, Bay Area men: Explore Calif backroads & points of interest. Monthly 1 or 2-day runs. For info/details call Jay/SF: (415) 861-2872; Ed/Eastbay (510) 238-9406 or Allen/Southbay (408) 774-9967.

Dyke Diver offers a newsletter for dykes who scuba dive. Send SASE to Dyke Diver, PO Box 460096, SF CA 94146 for info/details.

Northern Calif Rainbow Divers: Lesbian & Gay Scuba Club for the active diver in Northern Calif. Meets 2nd Tues of every month at 7:30 pm at the Sierra Club, 730 Polk St, SF. Info: Greg Abrams 821-2877.

SF Tsunami Gay & Lesbian Masters Swim team invites swimmers of all ages, races, gender & abilities to enjoy both competitive and non-competitive swimming. Group participates in meets, lake swims, int'l gay aquatic events & numerous social events throughout the year. Coached workouts wkends & wknights. Info/locations: 431-1933.

Barbary Coast Boating Club: Gay yacht club serving Northern Calif. Meets every month at the Berkeley Yacht Club, 7-9 pm. All interested visitors are welcome! For meeting dates & other info: 905-6267.

SF Track & Field Club: Open to men & women, all ages. Wkly training sessions at Kezar Stadium in SF; compete in varous meets during spring & summer; prepare for upcoming Gay Games IV. For additional info/workout schedule call Rick 550-7966.

Women's Soccer Team: Has members on both sides of the Bay, more members are welcome! Lesbians & friends encouraged to join. Call SF: (415) 641-8771 or EB: (510) 547-3675.

Women's Soccer Team welcomes experienced players, especially goalies. Info: (510) 523-5373 or (415) 647-3205.

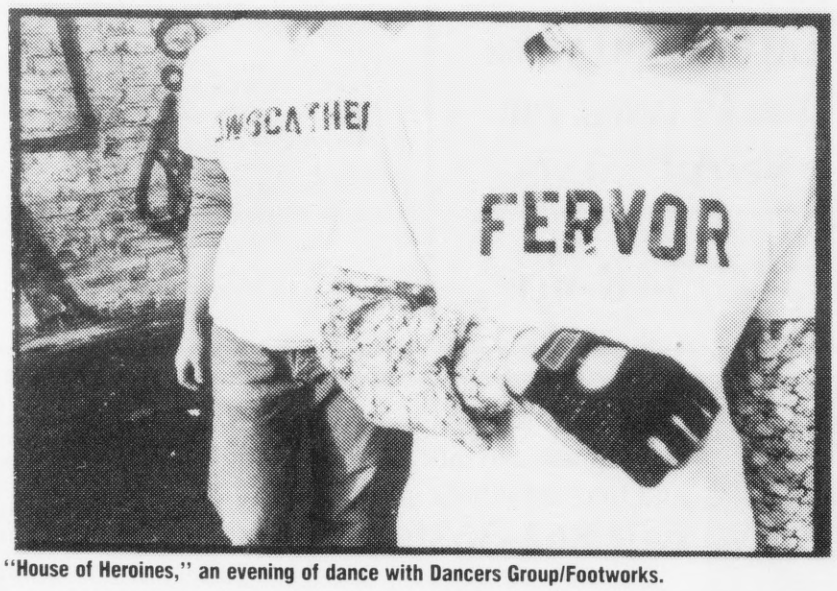
Men's Soccer Team, SF Spikes, practices Tues 5:30-dark at Beach Chalet. Games on Saturdays. For details call Carlo 821-4248.

Rugby: Bay Area women's rugby team welcomes new members. Info: 621-3871 or 854-3819.

Women's Field Hockey League: Only women's field hockey group in the Bay Area. Sunday games. Call 431-2720.

SF Women's FLAG Football League: Games at Golden Gate Park Polo Field, Sun 9:30 am-3 pm. Info: 584-6496.

"Box 27" premieres at the New Conservatory Theatre, Jan. 5. See OnStage for info.



"House of Heroines," an evening of dance with Dancers Group/Footworks.

Stonewall Climbers: Gay & lesbian rockclimbing group. To join us on one of our trips, call 695-9056 or 863-2789.

SF Women's Judo Club: Open to all women 12 yrs of age & older. Come & observe classes. Schedule: Tues & Thurs 6-8 pm, Sat 11 am-1 pm. 1622 Castro & 26th St, SF. Info: 821-0303 BEFORE 10 pm.

Ronin Dojo Karate School for Women offers instruction in Kenpo Karate, with emphasis on self-defense by experienced black belt women. Beginners welcome. Info: 731-7560.

Aikido Arts Center: For women, men, kids. Special beginners classes. Mornings & evenings. Info: 861-6044.

Hand to Hand Martial Arts: Nonprofit provides dynamic, woman-centered martial arts & self defense training in the Eastbay. Head instructor: Coleen Gragen, 4th degree black belt. Info: (510) 428-0502.

PAWMA (Pacific Assoc of Women Martial Artists) promotes martial arts training for women in an atmosphere of mutual respect & trust. Provides info on schools, classes, seminars, workshops, performances & more. Call 664-7034 or write PAWMA, PO Box 12861, Berkeley 94701-12861 for info.

Wing Tao Mobility Arts: Ongoing classes in Kung Fu for women, children & men. Info: (510) 652-5280.

Eastbay Lesbian Bowlers: All skill levels welcome. Call (510) 653-4135 for info.

BICEPS (Bodybuilders Into Competition, Education & Physique). Steroid-free bodybuilding for men & women. All levels & ages welcome. For upcoming events info call 267-1864 or write PO Box 410053 SF 94141.

ABS (Arcadia Bodybuilding Society): Int'l bodybuilding organization, organizers of the annual SF gay/lesbian Physique Show. All levels welcome. Info: 978-9495.

Lesbian & Gay Ultimate Frisbee Team: Meets Sat 11 am-1 pm in Golden Gate Park, SF. If you can play weekly & want a good workout, you're welcome! Call Claire 285-0936 for more info. All skill levels are welcome.

Rollerblade Club for beginners on the Peninsula. Call Elena 592-7183.

East Bay Gay/Bi Sports Players social group: Competitive, but for fun only. No regular attendance or commitment required. Choice of softball, volleyball, tennis, basketball, football or other sports. All levels welcome. Suggestions welcome. Info: 769-7583.

AbunDANCE Aerobic Dance Class for Large Women: All women size 16 and up are welcome to come boogie! Mon & Wed, 6-7 pm; Sat 11 am-noon; at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. SL donation negotiable. Info: 337-6379.

Fremont Gay Men's Bowling League: Sign-up for this friendly men's league. All skill levels, from beginner to advanced, are encouraged to participate. Call Mark (510) 797-6997 for group mtg times & other info.

► SUPPORT GROUPS

Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous: SF group, see Incest & Battery.

Support Group for Gay & Bisexual Men & Transgenders who are being emotionally, physically and/or sexually abused by male partners—see Incest & Battery.

Women's Cancer Support Groups: spons by Women's Cancer Resource Ctr, see Health.

Lesbian Adoptees: See Hotlines & Referrals.

Adoptees, Birth Parents & Adoptive Parents support groups meet throughout the Bay Area. For info/locations: Post Adoption Center for Education & Research (PACER) 935-6622.

Drop-in Gay Men's Rap at Pacific Center, Berkeley: Join other gay men of all ages for a wkly support group. Tues 8-9:50 pm. Info: (510) 548-8283.

Monday Gay Men's Group at Pacific Cetner, Berkeley: Join 50-100 gay men at this weekly drop-in group offering multiple-topic discussion & social time. Mon 7:45-9:50 pm. Info: (510) 548-8283.

Drop-in Lesbian Rap at Pacific Center, Berkeley: Tues eves, 8-9:50 pm. Call (510) 548-8283 for info.

Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group: discussion group for all lesbians. Meet Thurs 7:30 pm at the Palo Alto YWCA, 4161 Alma (just north of San Antonio), Palo Alto. Different topics each week, see Main Calendar for details. Info: Marilyn 969-1260.

Walnut Creek Lesbian Discussion Group meets Mon at 7 pm at Pacific Center, 1250 Pine St, #301, Walnut Creek. Info: (510) 939-7711.

Walnut Creek Gay Support Group meets Tues at 7 pm at Pacific Ctr, 1250 Pine St #301, Walnut Creek. Info: 939-7711.

Graves' Disease (hyperthyroid) Support Groups in SF & the East Bay: Call Susan (510) 540-8640 for info.

Lesbians w/mild MS: Informal support group meets monthly. For info & location, call Blue (510) 658-2477 or Ilene (415) 221-2361.

Headache Support Group meets twice a month in SF. For info call Judy 459-5839.

Hidden Disabilities/Chronic Pain Support Group for Women. Free. Leaderless. Eastbay location. Info: Dana (510) 658-0826.

Support Group for Women who want to leave the sex industry meets Tues 4-5:30 pm. Drop-in center open Tues noon-4 pm. 942 Market St #307. Spons. by Women Emerging. Info: 982-3365.

Women's Coming Out Group: open to women of all ages, drop-in. Choose topics, make friends. 6 pm Wed at Pacific Ctr (newcomers come at 5:45 pm to meet facilitator). 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: 841-6224.

Coming Out Support Group: Get-together with other women who are just coming out for support, socializing. Info: Alison 755-8021.

Coming Out Support Group at Billy DeFrank Community Center, 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose. Focus on issues of people who are just coming out. Meets 3rd Sat of every month, 1-3 pm. Info: (408) 293-2429.

Tri-Valley Gays/Lesbians: Support group for all gay people in the Tri-Valley area meets in Pleasanton, Mon at 5 pm at The Center, 4725 First St, Plesanton. Info: Claudia Hartley (510) 846-2085.

Slightly Older Lesbian Support Group for lesbians over 30. Rap group meets 7:30 pm Thurs at Pacific Ctr, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Long-running group. Info: 841-6224 or 548-8283 (leave message for SOL).

Personal Support Group for Midlife Lesbians, spons by Options for Women Over 40. Facilitated by Lee Bowman, LCSW. Focus on personal issues: midlife transition, sex, relationships, health, aging, change. 8-wk groups. Wed 6:30-8 pm, low fee. Info: Options 431-6405.

Support Group for Battered Lesbians, spons by WOMAN, Inc—see Incest & Battery.

Lesbian MidLife Support Group meets once a month on Sun night, free. Discuss menopause, self-image, health issues, older workers, body image, new lifestyles & financial planning. Info/location: 252-9073.

50s Support Group: Leaderless Eastbay group for feminist lesbians in their 50's (late 40's OK) to share stimulating talk, idea sharing, interesting activities, mutual support. Info: (510) 530-0202.

Married/Formerly Married Gay/Bi Men: Wkly support & social group at Pacific Center, Berkeley. Wed 8-9:50 pm. Info: (510) 548-8283.

Married & Divorced Men's Group meets Thurs eves in Palo Alto for social/support. Heterosexual, bisexual & gay men are welcome. Info: PO Box 1153, Palo Alto, 94301.

Men's Support Group for straight men whose wives/lovers are coming out. Marin location. Free. Call Jon Seirup, PhD 898-1468 for info.

Spouses of Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Persons Support Group meets 4th Tues of each month at St John's Presbyterian Church, College Ave at Garber, Berkeley. 7:30 pm. Info: Amity Buxton (510) 525-0200.

Gay Couples Ongoing wkly support group. Explores issues/problems of gay men in committed relationships (new & old). Free. Mtgs in SF. Info: Howard 567-9504.

Foreskin Restoration Group for men wanting to overcome the mutilation of circumcision & restore our birthright. Technical & moral support mtgs 1st Sun of each month, 1-3 pm at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Spons by RECAP. Info: (510) 827-4077.

Men Against Circumcision: NAtional direct action network. Group runs a Harm Documentation Project, does Action Alerts, etc. Info: NOHARMM, POB 460795, SF 94146 or call Tim 826-9351.

Eastbay PFLAG (Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays) meet 4th Tues of each month, and welcomes gay, lesbians & bisexual persons for safe, confidential sharing & support on family issues. Info: Betty (510) 547-4657 or Peggy (510) 524-8911.

SF PFLAG: Monthly support group for parents & family of lesbians & gays meets at St Francis Lutheran Church, 152 Church St at Market, SF, every 2nd Sun of the month. Gay & lesbian community members are also welcome. Info: 921-8850.

Peninsula FLAG: Monthly support group for parents & friends of lesbians and gays meets 7:30 pm, 2nd Wed of each month at First Congregational Church, 1980 Hamilton Ave, San Jose and 3rd Thurs of each month at St Bede's Episcopal Church, 2650 Sand Hill Road, Menlo Park. Group welcomes gay, lesbian & bisexual persons for safe, confidential sharing & support on family issues. Info: (408) 270-8182 or (415) 857-1058.

Woman-to-Woman SM: Outcasts is an educational, support & social group for women interested in s/m between women, including lesbian, bisexual & transsexual women. Info: Write PO Box 31266, SF 94131-0266.

The Deaf Gay & Lesbian Center provides support groups for deaf and hard-of-hearing queers. For info call 885-2341 TDD or use California Relay 1-800-735-2922. Several different groups offered.

MBLGA (Multicultural Bisexual Lesbian & Gay Alliance) at UC Berkeley spons support groups, socials and other events for members of the UC Berkeley and UCSF communities. Info: (510) 642-6942.

Former Jehovah's Witnesses: Support/social group for women who were former Jehovah's Witnesses. Info: 703-7147.

For More Listings in the support group category, see *SF Bay Times'* classifieds in the "Open Exchange" therapy/support group section, under **"relationship therapy"**, **"recovery addiction"**, and **"incest/battery therapy."**

► THERAPY GROUPS

Women's Institute for Mental Health: low-fee individual, couples & grou therapy. SL starts at $15. Groups for women abused as children. Info: 864-2364. 333 Valencia St, SF, Ste 222.

Disabled Lesbian Group for women with physical disabilities, hidden disabilities, chronic illness & chronic pain. Wed & Thurs at Operation Concern. WA, SL. Info: 626-7000 voice/tty.

Gay Men's Disabled Group: are you a gay man with a physical/hidden disability? Isolated & in need of support/therapy? Call 626-7000 v/tty. Group held at Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF.

McAuley Neuropsychiatric Institute at St Mary's Hospital & Med Ctr in SF offers a number of psychotherapy groups (eating disorders, incest survivors, single parents, women, etc) for individuals & couples. Wkly mtgs, SL fee. For info or to register: Helga Justman, LCSW 750-5603.

Berkeley Free Clinic peer counseling collective provides counseling for individuals & couples, also provides mediations. Info: (510) 548-2570.

Men—Have You Abused Your Lover? Feeling ashamed, afraid or angry about having been violent with the man you love most? MOVE offers help for gay & bisexual men who batter. See Incest & Battery section for details.

Lesbian Counseling Group offered by Family Service Agency of San Mateo: Focus on helping lesbians explore life issues in a safe, supportive setting. Meets Mon 6-7:30 pm at the agency offices, 1870 El Camino Real, Burlingame. Info/reg: 692-0555.

12-Wk Process Groups for Gay Men: Explore issues of intimacy, trust & communication. Spons by Operation Concern. Call Jill 626-7000.

Intuitive Hypnotherapy for Women: Free group offers help in assessing the unconscious for intuition, psychic development, inner guidance, health & empowerment issues. 7:30 pm Mondays, North Berkeley location. Info: (510) 527-3844.

Jewish Family Service of Santa Clara County offers "Kavod" ("respect" in Hebrew), a counseling & education program that is sensitive to the needs of lesbians, gay men, bisexuals & our families, with special outreach to Jewish clients. Support groups are also available on coming out, parents of gays & lesbians and Jewish identity. Fee subsidies available. For info/reg call Karen Belford, MSW, Kavod Project Director (408) 399-2202.

Gay Men's Coming Out drop-in group spons by Operation Concern meets Tues 5:15-6:15 pm, 1853 Market St, SF. Facilitated by Kirk Hinman. Info: 626-7000.

For Additional Listings in the **Therapy** category see *Bay Times'* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under the **"counseling"**, **"relationship"**, **"recovery addiction"** and **"incest/battery"** therapy headings.

► TRANSGENDER GROUPS

Transvestites & Transsexuals rap group (women & men): 1st and 3rd Wed and last Fri monthly, 8 pm, Pacific Ctr, Berkeley. Info: 841-6224.

TV/TS & Friends Transgender Group meets 8 pm, last Thurs of each month. SF location. Info: (510) 549-2665 or write ETVC, PO Box 426486, SF CA 94142. We're very active & friendly folks, call us!

Female-to-Male Crossdressers & Transsexuals Only Group. Newsletter & quarterly get-togethers. Info: FTM, 5337 College Ave #142, Oakl, CA 94618.

SF Gender Information: provides referrals & networking for transsexuals & other gender community members—see Hotlines & Referrals.

Can We Talk? Transgender Support Group at the Tenderloin AIDS Center. See AIDS Resources for details.

Transsexual Support Group: Group for anyone who is transsexual or has gender issues. Beginners welcome. Group meets every Fri except last Fri of the month at Pacific Center, Berkeley. Info: (510) 841-6224.

Transgender Nation: See Political.

► WRITING

Novel Writing Group for women who are in the process of writing a novel. Meets in SF twice per month. Info/location: Eliza 759-5898.

Bay Area Native Women Writers Circle for American Indian, Native Alaskan/Hawaiian, Canadian First Nations, and other international indigenuous women writers who want to meet other Native women writers & share words and support, resources & knowledge about writing & publishing. Group is one of many regional writers circles forming, inspired by the "Returning the Gift" Festival of Native Writers. For more info, write Victoria Lena Manyarrows, 2440 16th St #146, SF 94103 or call 864-3538.

Jewish Lesbian Writers Group welcomes Jewish women of all ages, all levels of serious writers. Poor or working class, Sephardic, Mizrachi & Jewish women of color are especially welcome. Mtgs in the Eastbay, every other Mon nights. Occasional public readings & writing retreats. Childcare costs paid. Chem-free space, group strives for accessibility. Please do not wear scented products. Please do write & talk about writing. Info/location: (510) 540-5564 or (510) 465-1294.

Novelists' Wkshop & Support Group: Meets Mon nights in SF. Women & men together. Submit 10 pages for review. Free. Info: Rita 824-9083 or Adrian 626-3129.

Lesbian Womanist/Feminist Writer's Group welcomes committed writers of all genres, and racial & cultural diversity. Weekly mtgs in the Eastbay. Call JB (510) 601-0966.

Lesbian Playwrights Group meets Sunday afternoons. For details call (415) 282-4510 (SF) or (510) 436-3324 (Eastbay).

Self-Empowerment Environment (SEE) Group meets weekly, new members are welcome. Group writes,

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Christmas on Folsom Street

Or "Fanny and Alexander" Meet "The Road Warrior"

Admittedly, I woke up in a bit of a sour mood. Christmas morning. It doesn't mean fucking shit on Folsom when you wake up at 5 pm after being stood up by a certain enterprising close friend for an early morning rendezvous/shopping spree—and I don't mean Macy's for my crystal pattern, dear—and still reeling from the previous night of celebration, which didn't end quite the way I had anticipated or hoped or presumed. It was no big deal, mind you, my disappointment, it was just amplified by this whole fucking Christmas sentimentality holiday thing. Face it, Christmas gets to you whether you think you are totally over the whole concept and that the holidays won't ever get you down. But when that fateful day rolls around—boom! You're down and everything you want to do seems degenerate and, well, sad. Because it's Christmas.

"Happy Christmas, Don," chirped my roommate, noting the growl of a vicious response welling up in my groggy throat and dashing by my door quickly and then even more quickly. I called a few friends but no one was home except Margret. Margret was cheery and mildly sympathetic to my whining. "Well, I got stood up last night too so this morning I broke up with my boyfriend and now I'm wearing the gift I bought him and I'm glad. It's a leather jacket and you're gonna love it. Know what else? I had a small kitchen fire in my house today, so you don't have it too rough. And I'm entertaining a few friends and relatives. They helped me put out the fire. Everyone keeps pointing to the best gift on the gift table and asking who that's for and I say, 'Don Baird if he gets his ass up here.' "

I got off the phone claiming I was entirely too unpleasant to visit with most nice human beings. God, I used to rejoice in bursting their little Christmas bubbles in past years—now I didn't even want to try to ruin Christmas for the lighthearted, the gift-giving Stepford automatons who actually go see "the feel good movie of the year," know what time Rudolph the Rednosed Reindeer is on and blindly succumb to the pressures of blatant commercialism even though they really can't afford it and should save money to brace themselves for a not so falsely prosperous time looming in our future or the future of the economy. All that and I was alone too. After screaming in the shower about hating life and fuck Christmas, etc., I went directly to my stereo and played the Smiths song, "Last Night I Dreamed That Somebody Loved Me," just to spark that old fear of forever being alone or unloved, like people who sit in dark bars drinking away their pain, all alone on Christmas Day. Earlier I had paged my friend who stood me up and, of course, he returned my call while I was showering. "You page me and then you're not home. I mean, what the fuck, girl... whatever." Once again, unable to purchase a little Christmas cheer in a small plastic bag on this day of all days totally sucked. I felt hungry and queasy and needed my morning coffee but everywhere was likely to be closed and that meant everything would be hard—everything would require a modern urban struggle compounded by that darned Christmas thing of fewer buses, things being closed, and the homeless people on the street working a heavy duty Dickensian appeal, i.e., funny old hat, fingerless gloves, even fake English accents, dodging at you and giving you sad stories and grief about their homeless cold condition with a little more fervor—because it's Christmas.

Two Hunky Daves and a Partridge

The music from the bar downstairs suddenly took a leap in volume, as it does from time to time and I recognized the song. It was "Debaser" by the Pixies. Nothing else was going right so I followed that sound, waltzed out of the house and down to the bar. Fresh out of bed and already having a cocktail. I remembered the barrel of peanuts over by the pinball machines and started munching them in order not to drink breakfast on an empty stomach. There I was, alone and drinking away my pain, like I feared earlier only with a dietary supplement of peanuts to protect me from retching in the street later screaming, "I'm fat, I'm really fat and it's Christmas!"

As I was splashing about in this pool of despair, a miracle occurred. Two strapping young men of the very handsome variety walked into the bar, a region not known for a high proliferation of the handsome variety, picked up drinks and perched in the darkest corner of SoMa's very darkest bar. I finished my meal and darted back to that corner and the three of us chatted. I finally found out just how magical a phrase like "I live right upstairs" can be, and soon we were walking to my front door. That's when I noticed the shards of broken Christmas ornaments that blanketed our entryway just inside the door.

"We're not very into Christmas around here," I said, wondering what the hell had happened. "This is my room." We sat down, chatted awkwardly, smoked nervously. Then I suggested we play spin the bottle. They liked that idea but we didn't have a single bottle in the house so we just tore our clothes off and went at it like pigs. I finally remembered the feeling of ripping open wrapping paper on Christmas morning. And what prompted that memory? Why, simply an abomination in the eyes of the Lord, that's all, and on His birthday no less. It finally felt like Christmas. My guests seemed similarly inspired. I can't remember their names so we'll call them Frankincense and Myrrh. The gifted pair headed off into the desert from whence they came, a faraway place called Walnut Creek.

A Perfectly Smashing Day

When I came out of my room, glowing not unlike the Christ child, I saw my roommate Pierre scamper down the hall. I asked him about the shattered ornaments at the base of the stairs. He told me he had had a fight with his boyfriend and had chased him out of the house by throwing more than 100 antique Christmas bulbs down our front stairs. I'm certain that it didn't take all 100 to get him out. I'd even guess that about 75 of them were heaved down at a closed door, Pierre pelting the door with those delicate glass orbs, one right after the other, shattering at the foot of the stairs, all while I slept undisturbed by the cacaphony of Christmas falling into chaos. Nietzsche would have been proud of this disruptive activity, while I would have loved to take part in it early Christmas morning. I probably would have scurried out of my room with the trap door of my jammies open like some Rockwell print and joined Pierre with the zeal of a child's Christmas personified.

Looking at the tiny shards of glass actually brought back a childhood memory. My mother was getting the boxes of Christmas decorations out of the attic. She stood on a ladder held steady by my sister and, as she descended with boxes in her hands, she tipped the boxes slightly and a bright blue glass bulb fell, bounced off a rung of the ladder and crashed on the floor. From its pieces emerged a live yellow jacket which flew up amidst our screams and stung me on the arm before our Labrador retriever, Brandy, killed it with a snap of her jaw.

Pierre's antics made me laugh out loud, exclaiming, "You've finally made Christmas worthwhile for me this year." He looked away sheepishly and said, "I didn't even tell you

Justin Bond!!!! Photo by Erin O'Neill.

what I did to the guy from Project Open Hand." One of our roomates, who was out of town, is HIV-positive and receives deliveries from Project Open Hand. "Oh Pierre, no! What did you do?" Pierre explained that the doorbell rang right in the middle of his shattering tirade. He opened the door and a nice gentleman with a red shopping bag in his hands from which protruded a snow white teddy bear, among other things, smiled cheerfully and said, "Merry Christmas, I'm making a delivery from Project Open Hand."

In his furious state, Pierre thought to himself, "That package isn't for me, fucker," then opened the gate real fast and ripped the bag out of the hands, then slammed the gate shut in the man's face. The volunteer responded with a sarcastic, "Merry Christmas to you too," when Pierre let loose and started pelting the gate with ornaments. Then he ran upstairs for airborne ornament death from above, trying to nail the wagoneer as he drove off. These attempts were unsuccessful, but in the distance Pierre did see a car accidentally run into the car in front of it, a nice new Jaguar as a matter of fact.

Later when my friend Michael Drake called and I was telling him the whole story on the phone, he replied, "Did they give you two jars of instant coffee, too?" "Yes, and hot cocoa mix," I said. "Check..." he said. "Cards made by school kids and Sierra Club posters?" I asked. "No Sierra Club stuff at all... damn." "What about a teddy bear?" I asked. "Nope, we're on the vegetarian list."

Later, Pierre and I decided to go out to Fiend, where we saw the go-go dancer known as Helix covering his entire body with a can of that same hot cocoa mix, then adding water. Contains no palm or other tropical oils! Pierre also spotted a Sierra Club poster stapled to the wall of the club. And I found the only Christmas gift I received this year, a lovely pair of brand new boxer shorts that had also been stapled to the wall. I removed the staples and I'm currently enjoying my gift as I write. Oh, I almost forgot, the truly greatest gift of the Christmas season came from the pocket of Pierre's coat. When we left our house that night Pierre was definitely well stocked with more of those ornaments, which made sporadic, delicate shattered-glass sounds everytime they hit a wall or a car or the ground or that taxi that wouldn't pick us up. I made the most of my ornament. I smashed it not six feet away from my front gate. I couldn't wait.

I also learned late on Christmas night that my friend who had stood me up the night before had a very good reason for not showing. It seems he was busy being stalked with a gun by an obsessed would-be lover who was recently released from prison. Whatever, girl. I'm not mad.

The Get-It-Girl Awards

Before closing my last column of the year I'd like to say that in my book, Justin Bond has made this year so exciting and enjoyable with his constant shows at Eichelbergers and elsewhere that he earns the title of SF's Most Dangerous Performer and the other title, Goddess, as well. Another final note: On Dec. 23 at Bottom of the Hill the return of Nancy Kravitz's Female Trouble for a "Dykemare Before Christmas" was the fucking swingingest party I've been to in many, many moons. It was possibly the best night out of the year. It's hard to say why exactly. Was it the surprise solo set by Linda Perry of Four Non Blondes? Was it the fine set by Alcohol of Fame featuring the way cool Shawna Hall on guitar? Was it moshing in a slam pit of mostly dykes and having that not become an issue? Was it the continued dedication to Female Trouble so aptly held by Miss Kravitz? Was it DJ Stephanie Phillips? Or was it that goddamn band I can't get out of my mind ever since their beyond awesome performance that night as headliners, the incredible Stone Fox? It's truly hard to say why that night was so great, but it ain't hard to say, "Why the hell isn't there a Female Trouble at least once a fucking month in '94?" Ask for it! And please, be a whore in '94, would ya? ✿

music

Going Inside With Music:
An Interview with Judith Kate Friedman

by Jacqueline Elizabeth Letalien

Singer/songwriter Judith Kate Friedman has the extraordinary capacity in her music to go inside you and make every part of you hum with sensation. Each song is a finely crafted tapestry of language, meaning, vision, realness. Friedman's CD *Count Me In,* is a rich, multidimensional experience. She is an artist of expansive heart who opens her listeners to infinite possibilities.

I recently interviewed her in her home in The City. She began the interview by singing a song. I sat less than two feet from her as the sounds filled me. It's astonishing to be close to, opened to and filled with that much feeling, exhilaration, and beauty.

(Bay Times) What brings you to sing?

(Friedman) When I'm not making sound, I'm out of balance. It's an intrinsic part of me, a language for me; an exploration to bounce sound off walls or into space. The emotion that gets automatically put into the voice—reading words out loud, conversational tones and nuances or singing—has always fascinated me. When I was a kid, any time I'd hear singing, I'd think, "That's what I want to do;" that kind of child-like thing where your eyes sparkle out and you go, "YES, THAT."

Doing harmony is a very intense experience; there's something terrifying with harmony.

It's two sounds knocking up against each other, the mingling of sound waves, a highly intimate and personal thing. Singing is one of the most vulnerable things there is. I may talk about it like it's second nature; it happens to be part of my natural language. What I bring to it is a total understanding of the terror of singing, the terror I had to go through in order to take on being a singer as my life. There's the whole other aspect to it, the extra listening; understanding all the different aspects of my physical being inside and out. I was completely terrified and sometimes I still am about the vulnerability. You're it, you're the instrument.

It kicks up different emotions for each person. For me I always wanted it. I think of high school

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chorus, the first year that this amazing amazon woman appeared in school, whose very presence changed the course of at least a dozen other women's lives. It was like someone pointed in that direction and everyone went: "IT; yes, I'll go there." She had a tenor voice, really rich, deep; she didn't care about being loud. I was probably 15, and had I ever heard anybody not care about being loud who was my actual same age in the same room as me? I don't think so.

I remember physically what it was like singing in the same room with her because of the resonance in the harmony, the encouragement, the permission to want to match something of that much power and courage. I wanted to gravitate toward the richness because it sounded, physically felt, good. That's the thing about harmony; it can physically feel really satisfying and special because your sound waves are lining up with someone else's.

You figure out how it becomes part of you. It's not just some kind of passing fancy. We can just keep expanding. We don't have to be like some machine where if you take out this part, you replace it with this other part and it's limited in its scope. It's outrageous how internalized all the technological things that were created by the brains of humans have affected us in limiting our own structure. We were always more vast than all the things we could ever create.

What's the purpose of music?

It's nourishing. My music comes directly from the heart. It's a synthesis of whatever I'm picking up, like I'm a sponge for feeling, sound, thought. It comes out as music; that's how I receive it. When I hear other music that also comes from the central core of the person who's either writing it or playing, I receive it whole. It's healing, circular; it's connecting the player and the listener. That's the vitality of it, and that's true of any art.

Did you come to music in a self-motivated way or did somebody encourage, direct you?

Both. This love I have for music, the naturalness of it being a part of me was encouraged by my immediate environment. Music was important to both my parents. In the way that I was raised, there were values that were taught more by example than by lecturing. Then it was left up to me to make choices about very personal things: style, spirituality—which never got mentioned as such.

As a feminist figuring out that the personal was political, like of course it always was, I embraced it completely. Finding the commonality, finding political theories later on to match stuff that already made sense has always been very fun for me. I can find some of the same language and the core of meaning in things in different places: seeing resonances in different cultures or learning lessons in one part of my life and applying them somewhere else.

I keep singing for audiences because the music is alive. I want to encourage everyone to be their most alive self. That's at the core of the activism I've been doing lately. I've been looking at this fierce clinging to, "I'm an artist and I'm an activist." I started clearing out. What if I didn't react all the time? What if I structured my art and life so that it's not in reaction to anything; what would that mean? I was afraid that I'd never be motivated to do anything. No, it's more like being a plant: the light is over there so you move towards it, the water is over there so you drink it; and you keep growing, becoming something, having branches. That's just a total improvisation, experiment.

There's so many labels and boxes, a side of an issue, nation states. Politics quite often is about reacting to something instead of clearing a space for a vision and maybe just an experience.

That's connected with this idea of "making it." What the hell does that mean? I was raised to know that one of the things I should worry about achieving in my life is to be a decent human being, a mensch; that's at the core. So luckily I don't have a mom back in New York saying, "Have you made it yet? Is the money rolling in? How come you're not on MTV yet?"

I want to see that whole thing redefined. Could you imagine a generation of kids 40 years from now having a completely other concept of what it means to be successful, prospering, alive; live well and have everything around you also living well?

There's an illusion created by words like successful, defining success by money and numbers of people in the audience, that there's some kind of bigness with that. That's really limited.

I have this brand new CD out. It's still a bit strange to have something massively manufactured. That's the same thing about audiences. It's nice to play for 40 to 200 people in a place where you can look everyone in the eye and they can see you. When you get to another degree, you're playing in an opera house and there's 700 people there; it's not that personal thing. The voice is carrying out beyond my own body; a sound system, the airwaves are carrying it. It's an issue that I've begun to address even on this not very famous level of still being a community artist and yet having some definite rivulets going out on a national level, starting to get some DJ's in Europe hearing about my music and asking me to send some stuff for airplay. Great, the world becomes smaller and smaller, and that's phenomenal.

How did it feel putting together the CD?

I'm really proud; it's the culmination of everything I've learned up to this point. I put out two earlier albums on cassette. I took the best of those songs that I didn't want to leave to the past, that still have that timeless life in them, remixed a few of them, re-recorded some songs that I had recorded earlier, and then added some new things and put them all together. It's sort of like my greatest hits package.

To have come through the big audiophile sound system and learned about that whole end of the technology and what's possible is very exciting. It's empowering to demystify.

It's like giving birth in a certain way. I've never had a child but I hope that it's taught me about having a child, to bring something all the way out. It feels great to be ready for whatever happens next, to be exploring new parts of my musical self and possibilities; and just play, really have fun.

Judith Kate will perform at Freight & Salvage in Berkeley, Jan. 16, 8pm; call (510) 548-1761 for tickets & information. Her CD is available in San Francisco at A Different Light, Old Wives Tales and by request at Tower Records; in Berkeley at Afikomen and Hear Music; by mail order from Patience & Adventure Musicworks, 2215R Market St. #303, SF 94114. ✿

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He believed that people could live with AIDS and continue to make significant contributions to society—and he lived his own life as proof of that.

Michael Callen was renowned as author of *Surviving AIDS*, as first editor of the *PWA Coalition Newsline* and as AIDS poster boy on such diverse shows as "Phil Donahue," "Good Morning America," "20/20" and the HBO documentary, "Why Am I Gay?" But he was best loved in our community as a singer/recording artist with the popular a capella group The Flirtations, as well as in his solo album, "Purple Heart."

Having lived with AIDS since 1982, Michael Callen died on Dec. 27 in Los Angeles, at the age of 38. ✿

cabaret

BY GENE PRICE

Snapshots from a Life: Scott Capurro in Risk-Gay

The Bay Area's own Scott Capurro has been plying his trade as a stand-up comedian for the past two-and-a-half years, but he recently stepped out of this framework to premiere a performance piece, *Risk-Gay*, at Josie's Cabaret.

"Why did I choose comedy as a career?" he asked during his routine. "It was on a dare."

Capurro rushed onstage from the rear of the house with the breathless apology that he wouldn't be able to do the show as he'd been called south by some Hollywood producers. While supposedly packing sundry items in a suitcase—a project soon forgotten— he began an extended monologue that meandered through teenage years with two sets of parents; a first awareness of his sexuality (sharing a sleeping bag with "first crush" Kenneth); quickies in cars with men who picked him up as he was hitchhiking to Marin ("I was only 15 but had the body of a 17-year-old"). A passing review of yet another dysfunctional family included a phone call from a grandmother who got progressively more drunk as she spoke.

There was an an especially interesting segment on his difficulty doing gay material in a straight

Scott Capurro

club (they only pay attention when he's crude or insulting). And Capurro also confessed that the real reason he wants to get on the "Tonight Show" is so he can flirt with Jay Leno and prove what a good actor he is. There was a brief aside that he wants his life to feed his work. Finally, there was an extended coda on his recent affair and breaking up with a porno movie house dancer named Martin.

All this and more. What Capurro offered was an unedited scrapbook of snapshots. There were quiet, moving moments to be sure. His early sexual experiments were particularly touching and I'd like to have heard more about his breaking into comedy, gay and straight—though with a less aggressive attitude. (It's easy to blame the audience when the material may be at fault).

The affair with dancer Martin was neither pertinent nor instructive.

As for his facile answer about choosing comedy on a dare, I would have hoped that a deep inner need for creative expression might also have been involved. Comedy is serious business. Most humor of a universal nature comes out of personal pain, even a tragedy, that is given a unique twist in the retelling. It's not the factual recounting of a situation that's funny. It's the comedian's unique perception of it, his considered reaction, his ability to create something special from the ordinary.

Capurro, an attractive and personable young performer, may not be his own best mentor. What he—and many other young actors breaking into performance work—needs at this stage is a writer or co-writer to give a focus, a shape, a beginning and an end to the material, and a director to help mold a poignant or funny moment that will achieve a desired audience response.

Also, performers like Capurro should consider the work of Lily Tomlin, Whoopi Goldberg, Spalding Gray, Marga Gomez or Josh Kornbluth. For all their satiric deconstruction of dysfunctional characters, real or imagined, they never fail to reveal a subtext of compassion and affection for the objects of their humor. It's best to like the people you're making fun of. ✿

I've Been Queer For 100 Years

Reviewed by Tom W. Kelly

The "Bare-Chested Balladeer," Johnny D. takes his audiences on a musical trip through time in *I've Been Queer for 100 Years*.

Good theater can happen virtually anywhere, as production company Build proves in their storefront furniture store/performance space. Combine a strong singing voice, a pleasing stage presence, skilled guitar playing, and some interesting narrative, and you get a pleasant (but almost too short) evening of entertainment.

Johnny D. narrates six incarnations of his fictional life in San Francisco. Luckily for him, and interesting for the audience, he's about the same

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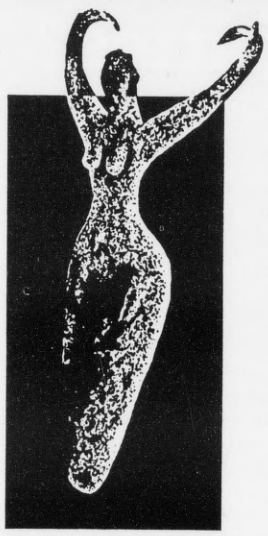

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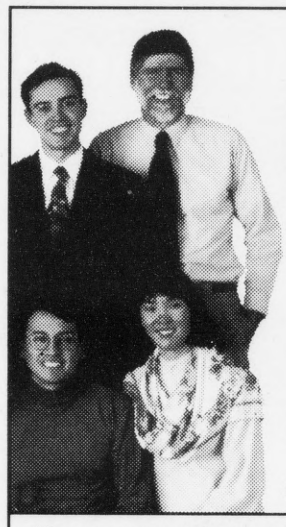

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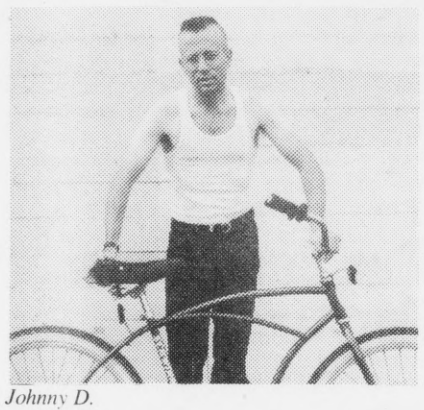
chronological age in each era. The first scene takes place 100 years ago and he's an out-of-work coal miner: a smudged but nicely muscled young man, shirtless in overalls. He opens with a terrific rendition of "16 Tons," then details how he manages to get a job at a bar (the White Swallow) of "men like him", at which point he sings the fun "Frisco Wig Walk."

With each blackout a leap in time occurs. Next stop is the 1930s where Johnny avidly attends matinees of Roy Rogers movies at the historic Strand Theatre and beautifully performs "Cattle Call." But the musical highlight is 1959 with "Summer Love," as he sensually wraps his husky



Johnny D.

vocal cords around every note. The scenario is the stuff that "coming out" porno is made of: As a science teacher he is sexually enticed by the teenage captain of the baseball team. They do what they do under the stars in the dugout, then go their separate ways.

. Johnny D. relinquishes his previously passive role for a more active role as he steps into the volatile '60s. Escalating social protests parallel his growing ambition to be a world-famous singer. The '70s and '80s bring (and take away) a lover. And finally in 1993, he heads back to the metaphoric mines, singing "Dark as a Dungeon."

Though Johnny D. has written some damned good patter (wildly name-dropping SF landmarks, personalities and events), his storytelling provides bridges for the songs that the audience quickly learns to long for. And actually *100 Years* is ideally suited for a cabaret format with little tables and trendy beverages!

Director Paul Benney takes a minimum of lighting, space and funds... and succeeds. Johnny D. enters a new time period with a slight costume change, several projected images, incidental taped music/effects and simple lights-on/lights-off (though even fewer props might keep Johnny D. and the audience more focused on the storytelling and less on "housekeeping"). But overall, Benney keeps the viewer time-tripping merrily.

Considering the talented singing, charming stage presence and incredibly reasonable ticket price, *100 Years* is definitely one of the best theater deals in town! (NOTE: Arrive early and get the most comfortable chairs—some are pretty tough on the duff.)

I've Been Queer for 100 Years at Build, 483 Guerrero Street, Jan. 7-9. $5. 863-3321. ✿

food

BY WILLIAM FINKLE

House of Nanking: Good. Fast. Cheap.

Seating only 30, including places for about 10 at the counter, House of Nanking attracts a crowd 'round the clock. In fact, judging by the relatively drab exterior, the bustle happening out front is the easiest way to find the place. Nestled among other, lesser-known restaurants on Kearny St. between Jackson and Pacific, this establishment has been in operation since 1988, when chef/owner Peter Fang immediately began receiving accolades for his distinct version of Shanghai cuisine. Despite, or perhaps because of, the fact that Fang never underwent formal culinary training, his dishes sparkle. Everything is good. Everything is cheap. And everything is fast.

Tables are crowded together along one wall plastered with white tiles poking out between the legion of framed reviews, celebrity chef photos and awards. Hanging garlic braids and ropes of dried chilies further adorn the walls, and the counter seats afford a view of the ever-busy woks. The sounds from the kitchen, with the deep fryer and the stir-fry activities, evoke the illusion that it's raining all the time.

Getting a meal here is an intense thing, something you appreciate after waiting outside, watching seductive plates of steaming food pass by the front windows en route to tables. Once finished with dinner, I've had to push my table out into the center of the walkway, amid "pardon me's" and blushes, just to get out of my seat. The restroom, is, well, just barely accessible. Why do guests accept this fuss so readily, when it would be considered an unpardonable inconvenience anywhere else? Undoubtedly because the food simply cannot be beat.

As the **Squid Steak** ($4.25) arrives, Fang explains the difference between calamari and squid: squid are smaller and much more difficult to cook, he says. Calamari are easy. Invariably calamari is deep-fried and becomes tender quite on its own. Squid is another story. These pounded cutlets are wonderfully mouth-melting, like a good al dente pasta, served with a lively brown sauce over spears of fresh steamed vegetables.

Nanking's **Pot Stickers** ($3) have to be the best bargain in town: six oversized, deep-fried dumplings are filled with gingered pork and vegetables and augmented by a sublime peanut-soy-chili sauce, then sprinkled with sliced scallions and garlic.

The sliced garlic, which finds its way into many of the dishes here, lends a bold note to the unusual, delectable plates of food. I wouldn't be surprised if Nanking goes through more garlic than the Stinkin' Rose up the street. Fang's sauces remain his secret, and their widespread appeal is evidently

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theatre

Reviews by Gene Price

Santos & Santos

Octavio Solis' new play, *Santos & Santos,* directed by Tony Kelly, was a complex, often gripping, always fascinating classic tragedy framed in a plot that delineated the corruption and disintegration of the Immigrant American Dream.

Ambitious and sprawling, this three-hour epic was by no means perfect; it could be rethought and refined, and some of the over-the-top performances could have been toned down. But for a production that was mounted by Thick Description in association with the Eureka Theatre, *for eight performances only,* it was a major achievement.

Idealistic attorney Thomas Santos (Steven Ortiz) resigned from his job as a token Latino in the San Diego District Attorney's office, where he was called upon to prosecute Mexican Americans. Welcomed into his older brothers' El Paso law firm, he happily anticpated helping his fellow immigrant citizens, rather than jailing them.

But the celebration quickly lost its luster when Thomas discovered that his brothers' firm was basically a front for major drug deals. "It enables us to give power to the community," patriarchal brother Miguel (Michael Torres) advised. (His other brother, the volatile Fernando—Luis Saguar—thought ony with this crotch, when he bothered to think at all.)

Intellectually and emotionally, young Thomas was challenged on all fronts: by his deceased father, a simple furniture craftsman whose advice, "You must betray your father," was delivered via flickering video images; by the closeness and availability of Vicky (Vilma Silva), his childhood sweetheart who became the abused wife of Fernando; and by ambitious, cynical African-American judge Benton (Rhonnie Washington), whose rhetoric of disguised good will and racism ensnared Thomas into the act that brought about their downfall.

Steve Ortiz is Tomas Santos in "Santos & Santos." Photo by Helga I. Sigvaldadottir.

Convinced that he was doing the right thing and without foreseeing a "worst case" result, Thomas anonymously blew the whistle on a major drug deal. The Santos & Santos firm was implicated. Old and loyal friend Camacho (Kevin Yee Han), the brothers' drug runner, was accused of the sabotage and, despite Thomas' protests, met a particularly gruesome death. The jailed Miguel's mental faculties began to wander and his quest for the American Dream became confused with Beach Boys' anthems and blond hair.

Clinging fiercing to her newly achieved social status and rejecting her own cultural heritage, Miguel's wife, Nena (Monica Sanchez), grudgingly doled out funds for her husband's defense. Vicky sold the family furniture business, her last tie to a cultural past, to raise funds and renewed her affair with Thomas.

Tough-talking and efficient Pamela (Karen Amano), the firm's secretary, tried to get out but, when warned to "leave her next of kin's address," decided to stay on. (After pretending to be a lesbian to thwart Fernando's unwanted sexual advances, Pamela also eventually—and without any apparent motivation—seduced him.)

Jarion Monroe gave a superbly honed comedic portrayal of the cool hired killer/birdwatcher, Caspar Willis, who was enlisted to dispose of Judge Benton and was saddled with a trashy, brainy wife (Blancett Reynolds) and a nymphette stepdaughter (Amy Tribbey), who seduced him for coke and cash, which resulted in further dire betrayals.

Ultimately it was Gonzales (Jesus Mendoza), a brash, eager Mexican-American district attorney who built his own political career on prosecuting the Santos brothers.

Navigating the immigrant tightrope of success in America while balancing familial and cultural weights was the task Solis set out for his flawed hero, Thomas. Stark, touching, darkly funny, the theatrical impact was most impressive.

Richard Olmsted's minimal, two-level set featured side panels with a meandering Rio Grande that symbolically separated the immigrant dream into what is and would could be. Music by David Conte. Costumes by Anna Oliver. Lighting by Rick Martin.

The Phantom of The Opera

When that 1,200-pound, three-tiered chandelier finally rose over the Curran Theatre's orchestra (what comes down must first go up), it was the climax of a seven-year wait for the most eagerly anticipated, blatantly ballyhooed musical of our time. Andrew Lloyd Webber's *Phantom of the Opera* had arrived.

But for all of its opening night hoopla of black ties and long gowns, klieg lights and limos, *Phantom* only delivers a three-hour extravaganza of special effects, imaginative costuming, breathtaking sets and over-miked music that fails to move us on any emotional or intellectual level.

Directed by Hal Prince and produced by Cameron Mackintosh, this *Phantom* is based on Gaston Leroux's 1910 potboiler. It also served as the source for five movies, a Ken Hill version with music hall ditties that played an extended run at Theatre on the Square, and last year's Arthur Kopit/Maury Yeston musical that was produced by the San Jose Civic Light Opera. Both recent live versions stressed the thriller aspects of the phantom's story as well as a more credible approach to the heroine's almost erotic fascination with her disfigured voice teacher and captor.

For those of you not familiar with the plot, here's the gist: the opera is haunted by a mysterious Phantom who lives in the bowels of the Opera House across a subterranean lake where hundreds of flaming candles rise from the watery mists. Enamored of Christine, a young singer/ dancer, the Phantom threatens the opera's new management and commits a murder or two to help advance her out of the chorus. He coaches her to stardom in his *own* opera, but upon discovering that she loves Raoul, Vicomte de Chagny, the Phantom abducts Christine and carts her off to his private netherworld.

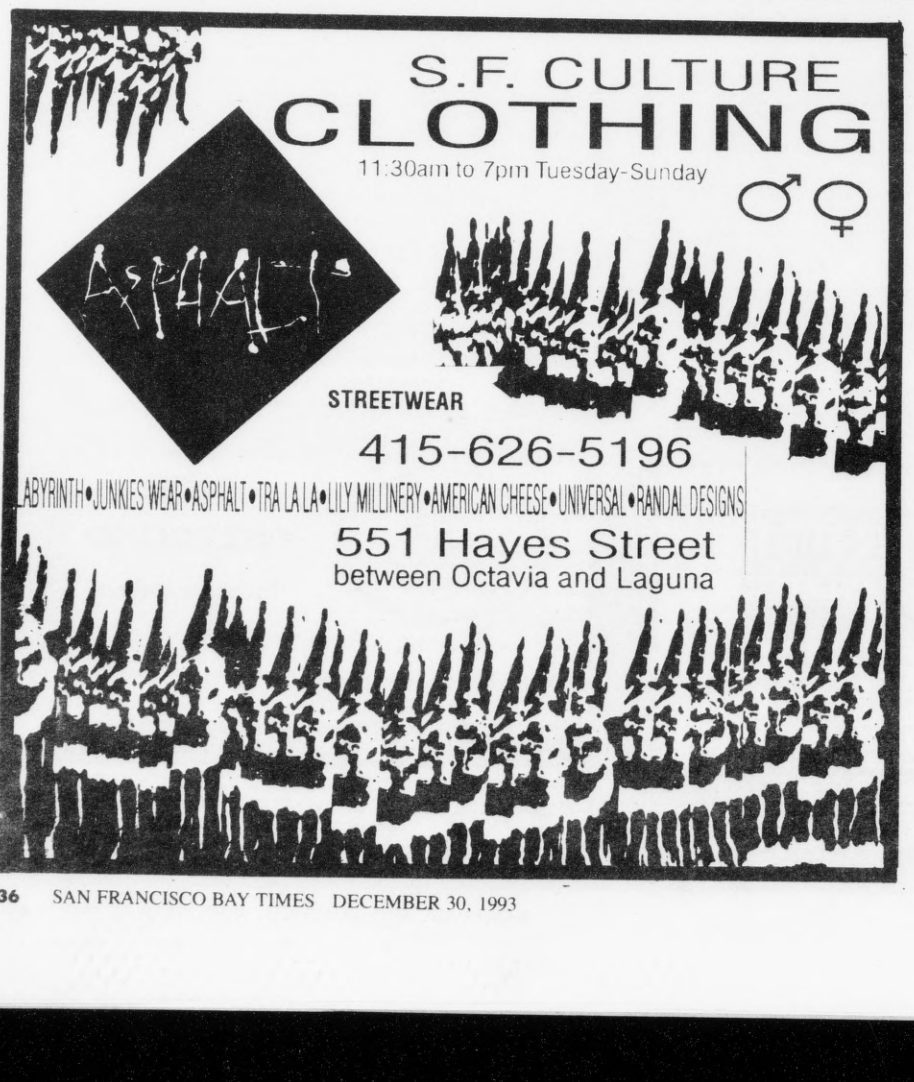
(A life-sized doll in a wedding dress is enthroned in his living space—though the script fails to explain this aberration.) "Fear can turn to love," the Phantom sings to Christine. Foolish optimist.

Hal Prince's staging of the Richard Stilgoe/Andrew Lloyd Webber version includes: a first act dress rehearsal of *Hannibal* with a lumbering, mechanical elephant; a brief scene from another ersatz opera, *Il Muto;* the second act opening number, "Masquerade," with full company on the grand staircase of the Opera House; and yet another original bit of opera filler called "Don Juan Triumphant."

Reminiscent of those "cast of thousands" scenes from Cecil B. DeMille epics, these plot stretchers offer little in the way of plot advancement and further no understanding of the Phantom's obsession with Christine—or with her own unmotivated attraction to him. These musical sequences merely serve to showcase the composer's skill at parodying 19th-century operatic styles.

There is no doubt that David Gaines (who sang the Phantom for more than two years in the Los Angeles company) has a magnificent tenor voice. At full voice his enunciation is impeccable, and he is most vocally seductive when he lowers it to a sepulchral whisper. Gaines is well-matched by the limpid purity of Lisa Vroman's exquisite soprano. Cutting through the amplification, her voice is a ravishing instrument.

The musical's thematic anthem, "The Music of the Night," is Gaines' showpiece, of course, and he croons it with impressive vigor and barely disguised sexuality. A second major song—and more touching for its simplicity—is Christine and Raoul's duet, "All I Ask of You." Though he appears throughout, Raoul is only alloted this one number. Christine's lovely solo, "Wishing You Were Somehow Here Again," sung in a midnight graveyard, would have been better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served by lyrics delineating her confused feelings for the two men in her life. But the lyrics by Stilgoe and Charles Hart are serviceable at best; character development is not their long suit.

The orchestrations are lush and Webber's leitmotif, "The Music of the Night," is interwoven among and over the dozen or so other songs in his score. Spectacle of spectacles, *Phantom* has finally come to San Francisco and may well, given the advance sales, stay forever. I would be remiss if I failed to report that the audience jumped to its feet and cheered madly at the final note of music.

The Phantom of the Opera continues Tuesday through Saturday evenings, with Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday matinees. Call 776-1999 or (510) 762-BASS.

Scapin

I am compelled to report that even the considerable talents of Gerald Hiken, Walker Jones, Maureen McVerry and a seemingly distracted Bill Raymond cannot salvage *Scapin*, directed by Andrei Belgrader. It is even more surprising that the powers-that-be at ACT did not abort, or at least postpone, this ill-conceived adaptation and leaden staging of Moliere's 1671 lightweight farce about a conniving servant who comes to the aid of two love-stricken couples.

Kate Edmunds' rather barren set features bleachers on each side of the stage where hapless audience members are called upon to hold a half-eaten banana or read aloud from a slip of paper. Others are pulled onstage from the audience to endure a perplexing mimed inducement to shed some clothing.

Janice Benning's costumes are a melange of battered rejects from the summer of love—torn jeans, a frilly tutu, a frock coat, leatherette miniskirts and vests—in addition to the towering 17th-century wig of golden ringlets worn by onstage musician Jules Cohen. Rusty Magee's score of a dozen tunes features a mish mash of pop, rock, blues and rap, and has little to do with the plot (though at least they are mercifully short).

Calculated to draw laughter, the very first scene is a clue that something is amiss. Octave (Michael Oosterom) is exacting a number of excruciatingly slow answers from his servant, Silvestre (David Harris), when he is interrupted by the entrance of Scapin (Bill Raymond) from the rear of the theater. Scapin pauses to chat with audience members, climbs over a balcony row (remember Hair?) and meanders onstage. A tittering audience stirs nervously.

Prevailed upon by Octave and his friend Leandre (J. Todd Adams) to assist them in outwitting their fathers into permitting them to marry their true loves, Hyacinte (Zachary Barton) and Zerbinette (Maureen McVerry), Scapin sets about bribing, blackmailing and physically assaulting the two fathers in a manner that is too often witless and lacking in comic timing. In a role that calls for zany flair (think of Robin Williams or Geoff Hoyle), this Scapin resorts to self-indulgent improv along with a litany of vocal imitations. He takes pauses like a stand-up comedian, waiting for laughs.

With little help from the script, the remarkable Gerald Hiken, as Argante, manages to instill genuine Chaplinesque wit into every sly smirk, each self-important shrug of his tightly suited body. Walker Jones, as Geronte, the rag-picking miser, offers brilliant physical counterpoint to Hiken. Garrulous, sneaky, frenetic, this fine actor creates a full catalog of high and low comedy bits while slithering about the stage with the grace of a ballroom dancer. McVerry, left pretty much to her own devices, delivers a star turn with "The Gypsy Song," a politically questionable lament about her life as a thieving gypsy.

There is some fine acting talent onstage, but they seem desperate for dialogue and direction.

Back in the mid-'70s I saw a touring company perform *Scapino*, based on the translation and production that had starred Jim Dale on Broadway. I still remember that it offered some of the funniest bits of character acting I've ever seen.

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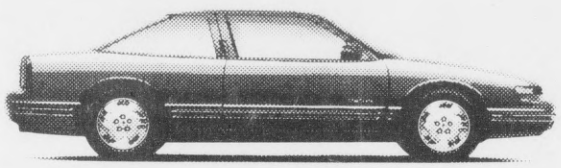

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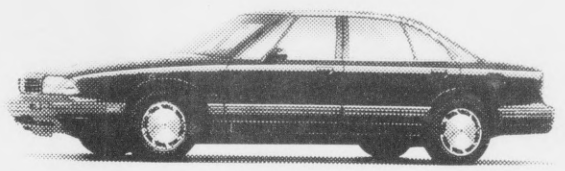

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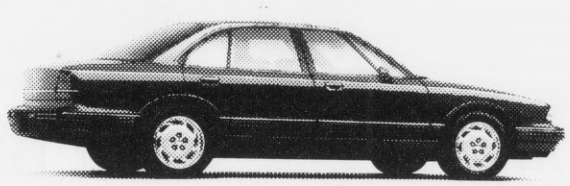

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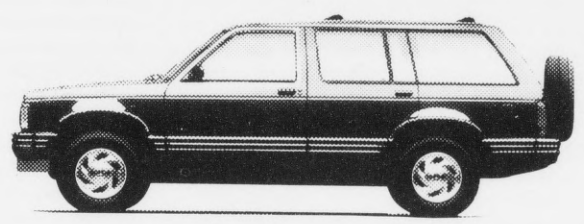

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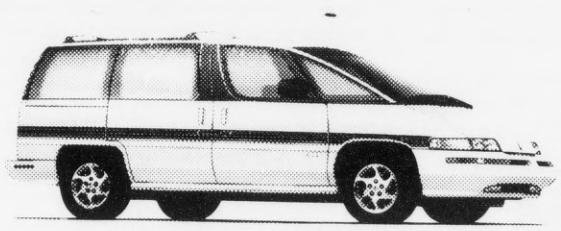

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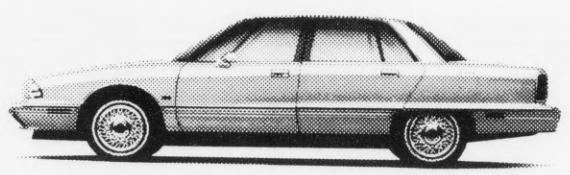

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film

by Greta Christina

Schindler's List

Okay. I take it back about Steven Spielberg. All the nasty, sniping things I've said in the past about his filmmaking abilities: I take them back. He's redeemed himself.

I'm not going to join the chorus of critics telling you *Schindler's List* is an unblemished masterpiece—I don't think it is. It has some very serious flaws, both in style and content. What I will tell you is that you should not miss it—it is beautiful, it is powerful, it is complex and, with a few notable lapses, it is unlike any Spielberg movie I've ever seen.

Schindler's List stars Liam Neeson as Oskar Schindler, the German industrialist and Nazi Party member who, through an inspired combination of influence peddling, deception, political manipulation and outright bribery, protects more than 1,100 Jews from being exterminated during the Holocaust. The film also stars Ben Kingsley as Itzhak Stern, the Jewish accountant who manages Schindler's factory and takes the lead (at first without Schindler's knowledge) in turning the factory into a sanctuary.

The most obvious message of this film is that one person can make a positive difference in the world—and therefore that each of us has the responsibility to do what we can. The message is conveyed in the heroic mode, by showing the example of an individual who overcomes his own greed and self-involvement to do good work in an evil world. But the film is more complex than that. It doesn't flinch from the flip side of that message: that each person can make a difference for evil as well as for good. By showing the endless bureaucratic and logistical details of the Nazi genocide, *Schindler's List* reminds us that evil is not just Hitler or Mengele or the person who turns on the gas. Evil is also the person who stamps the papers, the person who sorts the confiscated belongings, the person who types the orders, the person who drives the train.

Ben Kingsley plays Schindler's accountant in "Schindler's List." Photo by David James.

One of the most potent aspects of this film is its response to the question, "How did it happen?" Obviously no one story could ever fully answer that. But *Schindler's List* provides an important fragment of an answer: "It happened step by step." The film shows the tens of thousands of Polish Jews being herded, first into the cities, then the ghettos, then the work camps, an ever-narrowing corridor with a dead end at the gas chamber. It shows the gradual process of dehumanization graphically and convincingly; how each piece of suffering and degradation inflicted makes it that much easier for the victims to be seen as less than human, thus making it that much easier to further degrade and injure them. Not surprisingly, the response to the question, "How did it happen?" becomes a response to the question, "Could it ever happen again?" *(People who write letters to the editor about how the homeless are vermin, please take note.)*

But as important and complex as these concepts are, the most powerful quality of *Schindler's List* is its imagery. While other big Hollywood studios have made films that dealt with the aftermath of the Holocaust (*Sophie's Choice*, *Judgement at Nuremberg*, *Enemies, A Love Story*), *Schindler's List* is the first major Hollywood film to focus on the Holocaust itself. The movie takes its characters (and therefore its audience) through the ghettos, the roundups, the train rides, the work camps, the gas chambers. Filmed almost entirely in black and white, *Schindler's List* has some of the most moving and disturbing visual imagery I've seen in a Hollywood film. It has both the sweeping impact of documentary and the personal impact of narrative.

Most films I would recommend this highly have—at most—minor-to-moderate flaws, problems that are distracting at worst. But, unfortunately, the flaws in *Schindler's List* are quite severe, contradicting and even undercutting the film's message.

The most glaring problem with this movie is the entire last half hour. The script, which has weak spots throughout the film, bursts forth in the final 30 minutes with sentiment and pathos and dumb drippy speeches, thrown into sharp relief by the hideously bombastic John Williams soundtrack. The delicate moral complexity of Neeson's Schindler, the weakness and doubt and selfishness that made him so human, is engulfed in a sea of white light and virtue at the end of the film. It is dreadful, unremittingly dreadful, dreadful in a way that only Steven Spielberg could achieve.

And, to my way of thinking, the very focus of the film, presenting Schindler as the hero of the story, is itself a problem. It's the same problem I have with films like *Mississippi Burning*, *Dances With Wolves*, and *The Long Walk Home*, to name just a few: Why do mainstream Hollywood movies about oppression always tell the story of the heroes from the *oppressor's* side?

In the case of the movies I just mentioned, I think the answer is largely racism. These movies were made by white people for predominantly white audiences—of course they wanted to show white folks who were sensitive and caring and brave and honorable and supportive of their Black or Indian brothers, and who were not even a little bit racist. But with *Schindler's List*, the answer isn't that simple. Spielberg is Jewish. He's also one of the most powerful people in the movie industry today. He could have made any film he wanted to. Why didn't he make a film about one of the countless Jewish heroes of the Holocaust? Why didn't he make a film about Itzhak Stern, Schindler's Jewish accountant? Why did he make this film instead?

I think the problem is that Americans have a hard time seeing heroism in the valiant, clever, courageous struggles on the part of a people to save themselves. I think we are inclined to see those struggles as self-interest rather than heroism, and we are far more likely to see heroism in someone's valiant, clever, courageous struggle to save someone else. We are especially impressed when that struggle works directly against the hero's benefit. If Oskar Schindler hadn't been penniless and ruined at the end of the war, I don't think we would now be seeing him as a hero.

The Trash Bin

by Greta Christina

Batman: Mask of the Phantasm: This is the most pure escapist fun I've had at the movies in a while—dumb script and Speed Racer voices notwithstanding. The animation is terrific, and whenever the story gets stupid (which is pretty often) you can just look at the scenery. Gotham City is a delightful twist of high tech and Art Deco, and the Joker's hideout in a dark, decaying, 1950s World of Tomorrow theme park looks better and weirder than anything Tim Burton ever even thought of dreaming up. It's a little violent for younger kids, although older kids probably see more violence every day on their Nintendo set. Comic book fans take note: the Batman/Bruce Wayne character looks disconcertingly like The Tick.

The Pelican Brief: Lots of middle-aged white FBI guys in suits chasing Julia Roberts around. Big deal. Denzel Washington is good as always—it's nice to see him get the kind of role that ten years ago would have automatically gone to a white guy—but he doesn't really have a whole lot to work with. Gutsy, scrappy, irreverent investigative journalist digs up corruption in high places. Ho hum. And Julia Roberts does her usual wounded, shell-shocked, deer-in-the-headlights routine (one of two facial expressions apparently available to Roberts: the other one being the peppy, perky, jaunty, Mary Tyler Moore tossing-her-hat-in-the-air wacky grin). Give it a miss. If you must see a movie based on a John Gresham novel, see *The Firm*.

Tombstone: Just what the world needed—another goddamn, dumb, cockamamie, mediocre Wyatt Earp movie. *Tombstone* is not so much a movie as it is a series of Old West cliches, strung together by a bit of damp tissue paper that vaguely resembles a plot. Continuity plays a consistent second fiddle to the iconography; there's a great scene where they start a new game of pool right in the middle of the old one, for no discernable reason other than to let Wyatt Earp snarl, "Rack 'em up!" Kurt Russell as Earp pretty much sleepwalks through the role, although he does wake up occasionally for the suppressed homoerotic male bonding with Val Kilmer. Kilmer as Doc Holliday is a lot of fun to watch; he's the only performer in this thing who looks like he's having a romp. The movie does have a few decent shootouts, and it definitely wins the award for Most Original Product Placement In A Major Motion Picture. You might not think that you could do much in the way of product placement in a movie set in the Old West, but they managed to work in a long, lingering shot of—you guessed it—the Wells Fargo office on the main street of Tombstone. Nice work, guys. ✿

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It's Larry, Ed, Tony, Andy and Robert from the Headquarters. Hi guys!

Censoring Our Forums

As all my regular readers know, I say what is on my mind. I believe integrity is more important than politics and if something needs to be said, I will say it.

Censorship of letters to the editor at certain newspapers is not a new problem, but it needs to be addressed.

I had a recent experience in which I wrote a letter to an editor about an anti-leather attitude I encountered at a major Russian River resort. I've been told by a good source that my letter was faxed to the resort by the publisher of one of the local gay papers, who then discussed the subject with the management of the resort involved, and that ultimately this publisher came to an agreement with the resort management not to run the letter.

I cannot say if there was a reward for this action—political, financial or friendship—but it was flat-out censorship.

It is understandable that, when there are so many letters received, not all letters to the editor can be published. While I feel letters should be selected by pulling them out of a hat, I would be kidding myself if I thought that would ever happen. The blatant act of a publisher choosing not to run a particular letter for personal or business reasons undermines the integrity of the community.

The letters-to-the-editor columns have always been a voice of our community; we understand that the opinions of the writers are not those of the publication. Some things happen to individuals that they feel are important for others know about. The community is smart enough to sort out and make up their own minds about what they read. How far will the editor/ publishers go to do favors or put money in their pockets?

To be fair, this is one experience and I am not sure how big the problem is. There may not be a great problem after all, but somehow I doubt it!

FRIDAY IN THE CASTRO

Friday night was a fun night in the Castro. I saw plenty of my friends as well as other hot-looking men in leather to make the night enjoyable. It was nice to get a break from all the events and just go out to do whatever came to mind. Give it a try sometime. I'm sure that you'll have a good time. The Castro bars that support leather are the Headquarters, Jackhammer, the Bear, the Edge, Pendulum and Detour—quite a few places within walking distance of Muni.

IML FUNDRAISER

Mr. Marcus' hard work paid off! The Dec. 18 fundraiser for Henry Ten Have (IML '93) raised more than $1,500 for the IML travel fund. Henry has been working hard to attend as many events as possible, and Mr. Marcus' efforts have now given him the opportunity to do even more. There was an auction of some pretty good stuff along with a raffle (you know, the general event things). Quite a few people showed up in support of the event—even some people I haven't seen in a year or two—and I would call it a definite success. It was good to see Lenny and Blair together on stage again.

GOLDEN STATE PEACE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

The men and women of law enforcement, also known as Pigs in Paradise, had a beer bust on Sunday, Dec. 19, at the Eagle. These guys and gals are some of the nicest people you could meet. It was also nice to spend the afternoon without annoying announcements. The beer pourers had everyone's glass full—it's always a pleasure to get head from an officer.

HEADQUARTERS CHRISTMAS

The Headquarters had a remarkable food spread and quite a crowd at their annual Christmas party on Monday, Dec. 20. The crowd was so thick you could barely move. The staff was in the holiday spirit and the music was rockin'. Happy Holidays from the Headquarters.

LEATHER FAMILY FEUD

Queen Cougar (Ms. SF Leather '93) did an outstanding job in re-creating the popular game show, "Family Feud," with a leather twist. She designed a flip-chart answer board with the responses to survey questions she had circulated in advance. Family members gave their best guesses, the panel of judges mediated disputes and the crowd really got into it by volunteering suggestions. Family members included: Graylin Thornton, Donna Shrout, Jo Leroux, Lenny Broberg, Irwin Kane, Rainbeau, Lynn Odvady, Andy Rose, Alan Selby and Dennis Silva; Greg Byfield and Tala Brandeis were the judges; Tina and Slave, Randy Wright, Beth Elliot, Dillon, Mack, Paul, Serena, Renea and Sara helped Queen Cougar pull off this event. If I remember correctly, $800 dollars was raised for Lyon-Martin and $500 for the travel fund. Marvelous show.

COMING UP!

Torn Jeans: Saturday, Jan. 1, starting at 7 pm, Rick Treadway (Russian River Leather Daddy's Boy '93) and Art Turmelle (Russian River Leather Daddy '93) are holding a Torn Jeans contest at the Rainbow Cattle Company in Guerneville. If you have a pair of jeans that have a story behind them, you should join the contest and possibly win a prize. All the monies raised will go to the local charities Food For Thought and Face To Face. Taylor Poff has been selected as emcee; he's an experienced emcee and has overseen several torn jeans contests. John Engle at the Rainbow Cattle Company has always supported the leather community and has gone out on a limb many times to help promote the leather lifestyle. Both Taylor and John are important leather advocates in Guerneville.

Memorial Service: Rick Gorelnik has planned a memorial service for his lover Mitch Johnson (Mr. SF Leather) on Saturday, Jan. 8, at 1 pm. The service will be held at the Saint Francis Lutheran Church 152, Church St. Mitch gave so much to the community, this is a way for you to show your support in return.

Bare Chest Contest: The 1995 Bare Chest calendar contests begin Jan. 6 at the Eagle. The contests are held every other Thursday starting somewhere around 10 pm. The man with the best chest receives a $100 cash prize plus a spot on next year's calendar. All the proceeds from sales of the calendar go to charity.

The Great Scavenger Hunt: The annual Castro Lion's beer bust/scavenger hunt will be held Sunday, Jan. 9, at the Eagle from 3 to 6 pm. The Lion's are a lively group and work hard to give a quality event. This is a must-see show: Last year's hunt turned up some amusing things. If you can get a few friends together, you could register your team and perhaps win a prize.

Ms. Watering Hole Leather: Kelly Burlingham (The Current Ms. SF Cheeks & Chaps) is relinquishing her title of Ms. Watering Hole Leather '93 on Friday, Jan. 7, starting at 9:30 pm at the Watering Hole Saloon. Ever since Kelly hit the scene, she's been very active; she has raised lots of money for charity and has helped many others with their events. She deserves a big hand!!!

PRESS RELEASES

I am going to be a little hard-nosed about asking people to send in press releases for their fundraisers, anniversary parties, holiday parties, bike runs or other events. I may end up missing your event altogether if I don't know it's happening.

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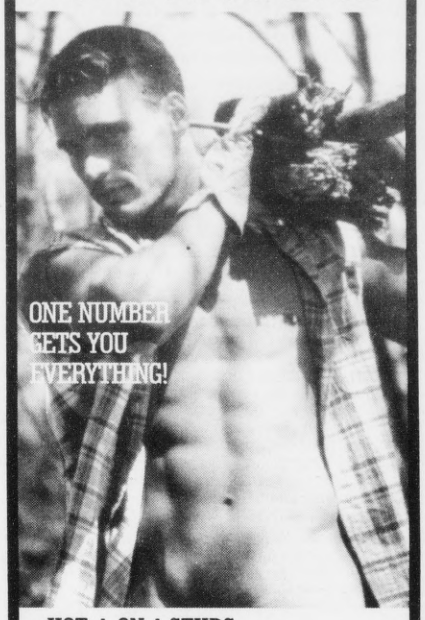

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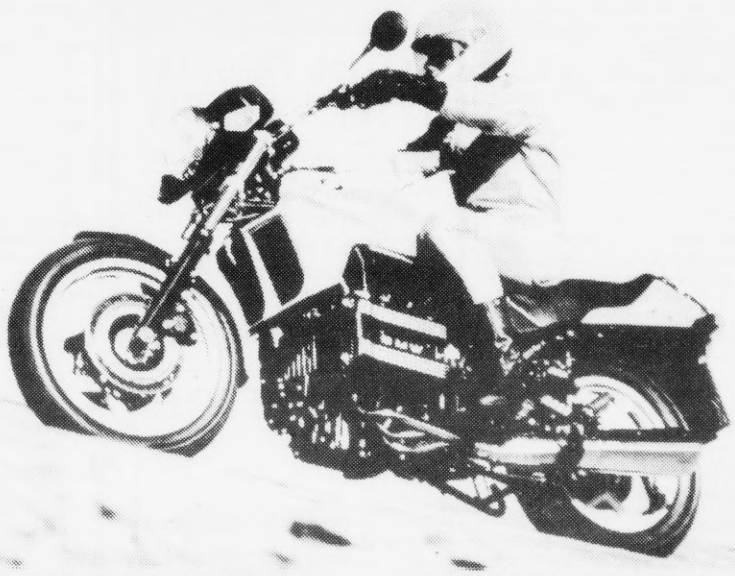

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lesbian, bisexual and transgendered communities. "It would be important... to go into the community and say this is not an anti-religious thing," says School Board President Tom Ammiano. "We are asking for tolerance."

Ammiano's medium term goals are a bit more ambitious and proactive. He wants to go after the political religious Right with the IRS. Get their audits, get public records, get their financial statements, says Ammiano, who asserts the religious Right's high political profile is all a "shake your booty" fundraising drive. In San Francisco, Ammiano urges that queer studies and AIDS education programs in the school district should be pushed through with even more effort. "This is the time to hunker down and not retreat," says Ammiano. "We must be doing good if they are going crazy!"

Tregor hopes that fighting the religious Right can become something more than a strictly reactive strategy. "It would be great if we could frame this as not just defensive, but [as] a way in which we could define what it is that we want and have it become our agenda for liberation and freedom from harassment and violence... Fighting the Right should just end up being part of what we are doing."

F.I.S.H (Fighting Intolerance Scapegoating and Homophobia), (415) 431-0617: NGLTF (National Gay and Lesbian Task Force) Fight the Right Project, (415) 541-5013: UIS (United In Spirit), (415) 974-4383. ✿

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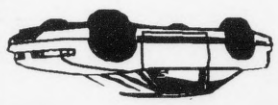

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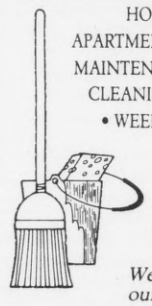

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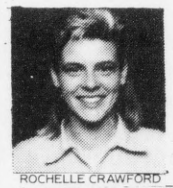

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And I have to stop falling for older women! Looking for a peer (22-28), comfortable with your gay/bi identity, but sexually inexperienced enough (like me) that we can explore together. I'm average height, average size, average looks, above-average communication skills! Have you seen *The Piano* yet? It could be your first blind date! Call ★★3016.

A Plain And Simple Love

With andro-butch who learns well, where and how to touch me; who will cherish me and respect who I've become in my 57 years—what my struggles have been and still are; who admires my courage and accepts me deeply, as I accept her. Come with an open heart; not "terribly clever," calculating, nor well-defended. Prefer exclusively lesbian, non-social worker, non-"married," ND, NS. Do be sensually and sexually adventuresome and playful, and eager for a monogamous commitment. An established professional working in the East Bay, I live in Tri-Valley area. Rich psychological, spiritual and educational background. Am excited by oceans, travel, art, music, books and most dyke activities. Let's become friends who share daily ups and downs and go on to more—or not. Friends welcome and very appreciated. Reply BT Box DC1C.

Russian Dyke

Is seeking Russian dykes. Call ★★3018.

Satisfaction Guaranteed

I have one... ah, well, fuck buddy, but I can only see her about once a week. I would like to find one or two other women who can appreciate great sex without complications. I am very oral, aggressive & more of a giver than receiver. You: emotionally mature, clean, intelligent, grounded and know a good thing when you feel one. Strict lesbians only, please. Call ★★3017.

If You Like Blue Eyes...

N. Bay GWF, 35 yrs. young, androgynous, physically fit w/piercing blue eyes and lots of charm, seeks womyn w/similar qualities, 30-42 yrs., honest, caring, sincere, fun-loving, spiritually healthy, w/sense of humor and adventure, in bed and out, likes the outdoors, likes themselves, financially stable. Looking for a friend w/possibility of LTR. Casual drinker, no drugs, no S/M; lesbians only, thank you. So if you would like to respond, just look into my eyes... Reply BT Box DC2C or call ★★3019.

Two Hearts

I'm sweet, kind and very loving. I'm feminine, petite and attractive-looking with imagination, smarts and ethics. These are just some of my qualities. Some of my interests are listening to music, dancing, dining out, traveling on vacation, hiking, camping, reading and watching movies. Seeking single GWF, feminine, neat, clean, good hygiene, and likes to dress up occasionally. Please be sweet, nice, kind, generous, thoughtful, honest, considerate, gentle, understanding and compassionate. I would like you to be sexual, loving, truthful, positive, communicative and not afraid of a long-term relationship as I am. Please also be drug-free, nonsmoker, steadily employed and financially stable, ages 38-45. Like alcohol OK. I hope we become Two Hearts. Call ★★3020.

Let Your Fingers Do The Walking

Tired of going to events hoping to "meet someone," only to drive home frustrated? Save time and gasoline and let Ma Bell help you. If humor, healthy, active, outdoor interests, intelligence and normalcy appeal to you, let's talk. If you are mid-30s to late-40s, NS, value honesty and fun and aren't opposed to crossing a bridge to meet, let's talk. Call ★★3021.

Why An Ad?

Because I dislike bars and have no interest in potlucks. I'd like to date women who have a good life but, like me, also want an intimate relationship with someone special. Looks are less important than warmth, honest character, integrity, compatible temperament and similar interests. I am a little shy, but am committed to the ideas and people I value. I'm Black and 41 years young. Call ★★3022.

Up For Grabs

Independent and smart. Single, not looking for a spouse but a playmate... at least at first. I'm attracted to butches who are able to handle a strong (kinky?) girl and don't take themselves too seriously. In my 30s, I love to go out dancing. No tobacco, please. Aw, come on... Call ★★3023.

Permanent Partner

Attractive, Jewish professional, strong femme, loyal, monogamous, warm, artistic streak, flexible, adventurous, late-40s, financially stable, own home, enjoys romance, tenderness, spooning, biking, people, humor, etc. Seeks similar to share lifetime. Call ★★3024.

Earthy Intellectual

Seeks like-minded explorers of the natural world. Eclectic interests, specifically the natural sciences/horticulture, world music, folk dance and photography. The objective is friendship, but I am open to more. Bookish artist types appreciated as is a dry sense of humor, a library card and sturdy hiking books. East Bay location. Reply BT Box DC3C or call ★★3025.

Ask For What You Want

Why not? You must look good, have style, have attitude, dress well, be thin, and have a good self-image. I have all of the above—do you? And I adore full, sensuous lips. I'm 41 with dark good looks, an athletic body and big brown eyes. An appreciation of life—a joie de vivre—is a must. I'm a year out of a very long relationship and am ready to meet women outside of the circle of people that I know. If you meet the above description, I'd love to hear from you. Reply BT Box DC4C or call ★★3026.

Simple

Step into my life and I'll make your heart smile. I'll whisper sweet nothings and be your best friend. Our inner child will keep us laughing at silliness abound. I'm not afraid to "rave til dawn" and neither should you. I celebrate the earth & the change of her seasons. 27 y.o., 5'5", brunette, vegetarian, romantic, with genuine smile & sparkling eyes, seeks similar femme to share zest for life. Call ★★3027.

Wildflowers And Workboots

Woman-identified butchish lesbian wanting to meet women of depth. Drawn to poetic warriors, passionate dreamers and other roamers of the borderlands. I'm playful, compassionate, independent, down-to-earth, in my 30s, on the tall side, on the outside. Into kids, fun, outdoor adventures, fighting the powers that be (that shouldn't), searches of/for the spirit, sexual power plays. Relate easiest to other working-class dykes, but open to anyone who is aware of and willing to deal with class shit. Actively anti-racist, which means I need you to be, too. Call ★★3028.

Sexual Healing!

Larger than life! (That means full-figured.) Feminine, ebony, Libran lesbian, 36, seeks emotionally healthy, drug-/alcohol-free, libidinous, sexually creative women, 35-40, preferably full-figured, over 5'7", femme-soft butch, for mutually satisfying and "safe" sex. I love big tits (DD cup), so be ready to have them fondled, caressed, etc. Not looking to "meet and merge," "fall in love" or "get married." Serious only! Call ★★3029.

A New Vision For '94

Is what you'll follow. Are you more concerned with your spiritual rather than career path? Do you have a sense of humor & are fond of good books, or enjoy a quiet dinner/conversation by candlelight? I admire courage, ethics, creativity, resourcefulness and a woman that charts her own course. I'm late-30s, compassionate, intelligent & mindful of my impact, however small, as I journey on this planet. I don't own a TV, love films & music (especially classical, instrumental). Write or call if you're alcohol-, smoke-, drug- & TV-free! Reply BT Box DC5C or call ★★3030.

Open

26 y.o., truly BiF seeks same-sex couples for casual safe sex. I have strap-on and other toys. Some light B/D—no pain. Please be cute (like me), respectful of limits & not too serious. Not looking for LTR but it's possible. Call ★★3031.

Adventurous And Stable?

I am (and hope you are): sincere, warm, creative, fun, passionate, sharp-witted, mid-30s or older, emotionally healthy, imperfect, intelligent, successful (personally defined), in great physical shape, and very feminine and attractive. Call ★★3032.

I Want To Be Your Wife

I am feminist and strong and able, but I am also the feminine north star to your wandering butch soul. Come here to me and I will love you and nurture you and support you, and make us a home. Give me your strong arms to hold me, and I will give you my sweet softness and surrender. Yes, I want you; yes, I am ready for you; yes, that is what I was made for. Woo me, kiss me, uncover me, and I will be yours. I am an M2F transsexual in late stage of complete transition—but now and forever I am a pretty femme girl ready for your desire. Call ★★3033.

Desire Connections

Black woman, single mommy, 28, seeking friends and a lover. Physically I'm 5'10", feminine, attractive and curvy in the right places. I enjoy the female physique and women who are fit, feminine, beautiful and sensual. I like dancing, reading, art, movies, culture, quiet romantic nights and talking. Please be emotionally stable and ready to connect as a friend and/or lover. I'm in South East Bay. Let's connect! Call ★★3034.

Visible Dyke

I'm a sensitive, caring, andro-femmey activist/grad student/counselor in my 20s. I like music, dancing, laughing, cuddling and obnoxious (but well-thought-out) political action. You don't have to like the same. What's more important is warmth, humor, honesty, communication and (if more than friends) a romantic spark. I'm Jewish and welcome dykes of all races/ethnicities. Let's take it slow and see what kindles. Call ★★3035.

Seeking Woman In Uniform

Aesthetic, assertive & athletic professional, 30-yr-old WF, seeking 30-40-yr-old, tall, healthy and athletic law enforcement officer for companionship. My interests include working out at the gym, running, reading, movies and keeping life simple. Honesty a must and not into games. NS, ND, ND. SF. Call ★★3036.

Femme Seeking Femme

WF, 22, femme, auburn hair, blue eyes, 5'6", slightly overweight, Aquarius, vegetarian. I like the night, ambient music, cats, tattoos, beaches, books and spending time indoors and out with WF, 18-30, femme, shy, sweet and innocent, who will let me take charge and give the orders. I'm strong and dominant without being abusive. No Scorpios, please. Write: Boxholder, PO Box 18266, San Jose 95158.

Angel/Whore

Angel/whore... Oooohh, I'm not sure of what that means, I just like how it sounds. Describe to me how it sounds to you. I'm tall, attractive, kinda red-headed, in my late 30s, and pretty damn "full of it." I want to push/pull, conflict/resolve, ebb and flow. Not necessarily in that order. NS, ND. Call me. Call ★★3037.

Advertising's Not My Forte

Sales and business are sedatives to me. Paradoxically, this particular market strategy is an effort to gain wakeful nights. Humor, passion,

Dykes to Watch Out For

IT TAKES TWO
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THIS SUCKS. I WONDER WHAT PEOPLE IN RELATIONSHIPS ARE DOING TONIGHT?
GOOD QUESTION! LET'S GO SEE!
THEY'RE SHARING THE DAY'S EXPERIENCES...
WHEN I SAID IT'S HEALTHY FOR US TO ACKNOWLEDGE OUR ATTRACTIONS TO OTHER WOMEN, I MEANT TO EACH OTHER. AT LEAST YOU COULD'VE TOLD ME FIRST!
MAXINE, WHAT IS THE BIG DEAL? SO MO KNOWS I THINK SHE'S CUTE, SO WHAT? IT'S JUST A FUN LITTLE THING TO MAKE MY JOB LESS BORING!
...RELAXING OVER DINNER...
THE RELIGIOUS RIGHT IS CREAMING US WITH ANTI-GAY INITIATIVES ALL OVER THE COUNTRY! WE HAVE TO BUILD COALITIONS WITH OTHER PROGRESSIVES! THESE WHITE, FUNDAMENTALIST, FASCISTS ARE WINNING VOTES FROM PEOPLE OF COLOR BY CONVINCING THEM GAYS & LESBIANS WANT "SPECIAL RIGHTS." WE HAVE SO MUCH WORK TO DO!
ELLEN, YOU'VE BEEN GOING ON LIKE THIS FOR DAYS! I CAN'T TAKE IT ANY MORE. WILL YOU JUST SHUT UP AND EAT YOUR POT PIE?
SWANSON
...GROWING...
OKAY, I'D LIKE TO BEGIN WITH SOME BASIC QUESTIONS. HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN TOGETHER?
THREE MONTHS.
MSW
AND CHANGING...
BUT YOSHI, IT'S JUST SEX. AND WE'RE ALWAYS SAFE, RIGHT?
I'M SORRY, LOIS. BUT PAULA DOESN'T LIKE IT, AND BESIDES, I WANT TO TRY THIS MONOGAMY THING.
FINE. MAYBE I'LL FINALLY LEARN TO QUIT MESSING AROUND WITH GIRLS WHO HAVEN'T FINISHED EXPERIMENTING YET.
LAUNDRY
...PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE,...
MALIKA, I CAN'T! I'VE GOTTA WORK ON MY DISSERTATION OVER CHRISTMAS. WHY DON'T YOU COME HERE?... WELL, YOU DON'T HAVE TO SIT AROUND ALL DAY. BRING ONE OF YOUR "PROJECTS." ....I AM NOT PATRONIZING YOU! JEEZIZ, YOU'RE SO SENSITIVE!
EXPLORING INTIMACY...
GOD, NAOMI! THERE'S FLUORESCENT ORANGE MOLD GROWING ON THE WALLS IN HERE! I'D SAY IT'S TIME TO CLEAN YOUR REFRIGERATOR.
SO WHO'S STOPPING YOU?
FLUORANGE ANATION
WOMEN! BOTH CRUNCH GRAIN! FIBER!
ANYTHING THAT MOVES
AND BONDING AROUND LIFE'S DIFFICULTIES.
TONI, I CAN'T STAND THIS SCREAMING ANY MORE. I'M GONNA GO PICK HIM UP.
WAAAH!
WHAT?
WAAHAAAHAAAA
WHAT ARE YOU DOING? YOU CAN'T WEAR EARPLUGS! HOW CAN YOU HEAR HIM IF SOMETHING'S REALLY WRONG?
I CAN STILL HEAR HIM, CLARICE. THEY JUST TAKE THE EDGE OFF. AND SPARE ME THE LECTURE! I WOULDN'T NEED EARPLUGS IF I WAS GETTING TEN HOURS OF PEACE AND QUIET EVERY DAY AT MY OFFICE!
Hmmm.
PRRRRRRRRR
SLURP.
PRRR RRR RRR RRR
LOVE'S UNKNOWN
TED & JERRY

uninhibited sex and conversation, radical politics, music, art, food, exercise, sports, pets. Me: 29, tall, bl, bl, androgynous. You: an appreciation of the aforementioned and lots of your own ideas, activities and friends. Enough said here; if we connect we'll converse like fiends. Reply BT Box DC6C or call ★★3038.

Grant Me Grace

True, my attraction to you is amazingly, astoundingly, intensely physical. That can be a good beginning. Seeds are planted close to the surface, only to grow deep roots if nurtured. You call it—I'll catch it. Very little or very much. Very quick or as long as you want. Discreet or discreetly open. But always safe and steady. Reply BT Box DC7C or call ★★3039.

The Mostly Fabulous Life Of...

Me! Needs more socializing! I be 30 y.o., 6 feet tall, long-haired white girl & a lean, mean dancin' queen. I'm looking 4 tall, gorgeous, fab women with an excellent sense o' humor, who can dance & sing, get up & do her thang. Not into butch/femme, S/M, smokers, drugs, control queens. Let's go dancin', prancin' and romancin'. There it is! Call ★★3040.

Gentle Respect

Sexual, attractive, animals, I.S.A., fit, tall, integrity, caring, intimacy, androgynous, E. Bay woman, herb and healing, meet 45-55 y.o., grown and recovered, adventuresome sexuality, androgynous to butch-of-center, health, healing, sexual, emotionally available, spiritual woman for LTR, cafe, chat and friends. Call ★★3041.

After The Holidays!

Would like to meet 45 to 55, who is a non-activist, enjoys cultural events, soft music & the outdoors. Also into a healthy lifestyle & taking care of self. No heavy alcohol or smokers. If interested, please call ★★3042.

Sometimes Bashful Irishwoman

I spend far too much time reading and not enough time socializing. Love my friends, just want to meet more women. Likes: PJ Harvey, Les Negresses Verte, poker games, foreign films, long discussions over glasses of Murphy's, lectures at SF Camerawork. Prefer pubs to noisy bars. Dislikes: attitudes, dishonesty and anything resembling "straight-acting." Tall, big boned women with brown hair who like to discuss art theory make me do a jig! Reply BT Box DC8C.

Bored W/Conventional Romance

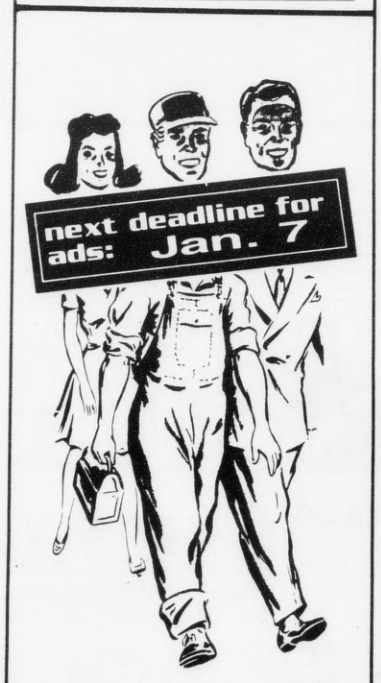
Playful, healthy, eccentric, beautiful, petite, redhead with wheelchair disability, 33, loves dancing, pool, sailing, water sports, laughter and travel, seeks lesbian hippies, potheads, revolutionaries, Buddhists and she-dolphins/sea soulmates for fun, adventure and as playmates and lovers. Write and tell me about your fascinating self and philosophy of life/love. Reply BT Box DC9C.

Type A/Type B

Type A girl desired with Type B tendencies. Let's get real—who doesn't like the beach, movies, going out, walks at sunset and music? And who wouldn't describe herself as sensitive, kind, compassionate, gentle, loving and sexually adventurous? If you're the type of smartass woman who can appreciate this somewhat tongue-in-cheek approach (tongue in where...?) I want to talk with you. NS, ND. Call me. Call ★★3043.

Wise Woman

Where are you? Your compassion, independence, humor and sensitivity make the human condition bearable, even marvelous. Share your passions with a tall, slim, blond, kindly, sober, NS, 40ish, multilingual Europhile, who thrills to early/folk/world/jazz music, the woods and the sound of no TV. Let's learn the tango, climb the Matterhorn, don masks in Venice, tell our truths, explore the continent of skin. Reply BT Box DC10C.



Lusty Lady

Seeks ungodly gentledyke to torture, torment and titillate me. Petite in size, fiery in temper, I will take all control unless you tear it away from me. Then I will serve as a jewel upon your arm, but don't get too smug or I'll sweetly leave the trail of my longest nail upon your tender butch cheek. If you're not just a butch browser of fine merchandise, send your idea of our first meeting... and get to the point. Reply PO Box 40305, SF 94140.

Tasting, Touching, Stroking

Sensual, intelligent woman seeks the soft inside of an elbow, back of a knee, nape of a neck, and curve of a collarbone for weekends that stretch endlessly into months (years?) lost and found between the sheets. Conversation (witty, whimsical), communication (honest, forthright) desired between gasps of delight, explorations of depth. Introduce me to your sense of adventure, aesthetics, physical fitness. Hiking boots to French lace welcome. Me: GWF, 42. You: lesbian, NS, ND. Call ★★3044.

Crossing The Line

Can't stand the word "space" (either you've developed your own or you haven't), "butch of"/"femme of" center? What's "center"? How about Chanel skirts and boxer shorts; Victoria's Secret under the suit and tie? I like cyclists with erudite tastes, witches with a sense of irreverent humor, artists with courage, not attitude, dancers with rhythmic hips, twinkling fingertips. Romance/fun, yes; commitment, possible; merge, no! 35-ish + probably preferred, NS. Call ★★3045.

Make My Year New

I'm an attractive, plus-sized woman, mid-40s, aggressively femme, classy, bright, energetic, offbeat and funny. Professional and serious about my work, I also have a wild and reckless streak. You could make my new year fantasies come true if you were tall, self-assured, passionate, complex and interested in the world as well as, of course, me. No smoking, drugs or dyke drama please. Call ★★3046.

Open Heart, Open Arms

Wants to connect with other women who love sharing massage and good old honest friendship. I am healthy, attractive, Latina, loving, down-to-earth Aries. You are 25 to 35, love yourself, have a healthy body, mind and loving spirit. Women with Native American interest, long hair, full lips, green or hazel eyes are welcomed highly. Call ★★3047.

Silver-Haired, Silver-Tongued

These days I'm attracted to women with salt-and-pepper hair and deeply etched laugh lines. Could it be because that's what I look like? Happy, balanced, GWF, 37, seeks lesbians approaching the best years of our lives; too old for the bar scene, too young for the rocker. I'm active, attractive, stable, sane, slender, smart, sensitive and sexual. Friends say I'm handsome, involved, caring and committed. Looking for a woman to share activities and possibly develop a relationship with. If you're ready, call ★★3048.

Partner Dancer

Mid-40s, East Bay lesbian seeks special partner. Dancing is my big passion, bi-dansual but a follower at heart. I love a boogie-woogie beat, but I also like rare plants, cats and exploring ideas in intelligent conversations. I'm straightforward and honest and so are you. I'm newly single and taking it slow, but I enjoy meeting people and believe in taking risks. So if you're a dancer, take one, too. Maybe we'll click. Call ★★3049.

Seeking A Woman

To pick up for a date, take to the top of the City; a woman to wine and dine, escort back to the limo, hand her in—then gag and restrain her, hurting her gently until we arrive. Blindfolded. I expect her to support herself against me as I lead her into the dungeon. What happens next? Let me know, and maybe it could be arranged. PO Box 40305, SF 94140.

Are You Available And Interested?

I'm 40s, professional, reasonably attractive, slightly butch-of-andro, enjoy a variety of activities such as talking, movies, tennis, reading, dining out, weekend trips, skiing and am open to other things. I'm looking for a committed relationship with a slightly femme-of-andro woman who has a sense of humor, is warm and loving, personally and career-wise together, well-educated, and enjoys some of the same things I do. Please NS and be reasonably fit and health-conscious. Call ★★3050.

I Just Wanna Shoop!!

I'm looking for a nice Jewish girl, or one who can fake it really well to go out to movies or spend cozy time in front of my fireplace. Must be open to interracial dating. Mom would love if it I brought you home. Not marriage-minded, but only open-minded need apply. Call ★★3051.

Friendship Leading To Friendship

I require a woman who delights in wandering the streets of cities discovering small enclaves of oddities and adventure; a woman who hikes trails of self-awareness which lead away from narcissism and toward caring. More physically: you must be a NS, ND-using woman of African or Indian (East) descent (Caribbean women especially welcome), 27-35, athletically inclined and well-toned, sexually adventurous. Call for more info. about me. Call ★★3052.

Love Connection—Ha!

Well, Chuck, our dream date began when she picked me up on her one-speed tandem bicycle and we rode for two hours in 98 degree weather to the beach. Feeling sweaty and smelly we walked along the shore. As the sun was setting, she turned to me, putting her arms on my shoulders and pressing her full body against mine—finally, I thought, some romance. She then whispered, "Baby, could you please help me scrape the dogshit off my shoe?" Stop, rewind, erase. 30+, wht, 5'4", silver hair, blue-eyed, socially aware, but not always politically correct lesbo desires company of androg. to femme, somewhat fit fun gals to exercise intellect while whining, dining, dancing. Call ★★3053.

Brazilian African-American Dyke

Seeks bold European lesbian for fun and... Let's explore our cultural diversities during some steamy rendezvous or go hiking in the mountains for the day. Please be: physically healthy, of reasonable emotional stability, without sexual hang-ups (no S/M), 44-52 y.o. & a spiritual seeker who is drawn by art, music and nature. NS, light alcohol OK—come play with me! Call ★★3054.

First We Wrestled In An Alley

And you turned out to be stronger, or more agile, skilled. With my hands bound behind me, I didn't struggle much anymore and agreed to enjoy, feigning submission. But I'm not that easy, and I bolted, back into the darkness of the alley, hands tied. What are you going to do about it? Tell me in detail. Most explicit fantasy gets a response. Box 40305, SF 94140.

Genuine Gem Femmes

Two single, easygoing, stable and sincere, attractive, feminine, straight-looking GWFs in our 30s, looking to extend our friendship with same. Enjoy dinners in or out, movies, theater, concerts and good-humored companionship. Must be fashionable and take pride in self. Health and media aware. No smoking or drugs. Reply BT Box DC11C or call ★★3055.

Hello Kitty

Strong, smart, artistic lesbian, 5'5", 150 lbs. of muscle, clean and sober, semi-butch and a bottom; seeks intelligent, educated top, around my age (33) and size. I like sex, talking, dancing and reading. I don't smoke or eat meat—I don't care if you do, but no drugs. I have short red hair, blue eyes. I'm a counselor for a living, anything else you need to know call me and I'll tell you. Lesbian feminists only. Dominant genius only. Call ★★3056.

Older Woman

Don't bother reading further if you are under 45 years old, easily intimated or allergic to animals. I am said to be intimidating, sensitive and crazy. Would enjoy sharing my life with assertive, intelligent, flexible older woman. Call ★★3057.

Just Arrived In SF

Newly out andro dyke, 30, looking to meet other women, 25-35. I have both a crazy, fun-loving side and a serious, sensitive side. Into listening and dancing to modern rock, creating and viewing art, watching Comedy Central, vegetarian (to save animals). Into the outdoors—hiking, camping, tennis, volleyball. Indoors—movies, theater, fireplaces. Sound like you? Let's meet! Sense of humor a must. Like to make new friends for good times and one special friend... Call ★★3058.

How Sharp Are Your Teeth?

Cuddly but vicious raccoon looking for other animal players to chew, bite, scratch and play primal games of the wild. Have you always held in your claws and growls fearing others will judge you as too weird? Care to set traps or lunge for your next prey? Let's see who is who on the food chain! Describe your wild self... PO Box 40305, SF 94140.

Hey, K.

It's been a long time since I've seen your smiling bedroom eyes looking into mine. Where the hell are you? I know that you browse the personals, so let's reconnect, you big lug. I miss your attentive hands and warm body. Happy New Year. Remember: my stockings are the ones you should be filling (feeling). Ho, ho, ho. Still in lust. —C. Call ★★3059.

Safe And Glorious Adventure

Me: 40 y.o. lesbian, HIV-, Venus/Mars conjunct in Pisces in the 11th, spiritually committed, healing conscious, serious intellectual with great heart who sometimes gets lonely. Desire: anonymous, one-time encounter filled with diverse conversation, lots of laughter, gentle touch and passionate sex surrounded by jazz, Martinelli, candlelight! You: lesbian of same circumstance and desire. Dark; curly, long hair, light eyes, 5'4"-5'6", 125-140 lbs., who loved *The Piano* and smiled at this ad. Willing to use pseudonym and enclose photograph with letter. Photographs returned with reply. If you think you know who I am, please don't answer. Reply BT Box DC12C.

Zebra Style

They say the foundation fo color is black and white. They say, if it's written in black and white, it's as good as gold. I say, Black women are like flowers and should be treated as such. As a GWF in my early-30s, I want an interracial relationship with smiles—spirituality, mutual interest, individuality, laughter, excitement and sincerity. What do you say? Call me so we can meet for Oreos and coffee. Call ★★3060.

SHARED INTEREST

Please Note

The Shared Interest ads are a part of the Personals, and as such are for individuals seeking other individuals with common personal interests. They are not for the purpose of forming professional connections. If you are looking for business partners, clients or work-trade arrangements, or if you are forming a professional organization, please use the Open Exchange classified ads. Thanks.

Women Runners And Walkers

Come out and get sweaty with us! The San Francisco FrontRunner Women are waiting to welcome you. Do you want a fast five-mile run? A gentle one-mile walk? Something in between? We run (or walk), have fun. Come join us (and the guys), 9 am Saturdays, Stow Lake Boathouse, GG Park. Call ★★3161.

Circumcision, No!

Discussion and support group meets monthly (first Sunday, 4 pm) for those with concerns about how the American social custom of infant male genital mutilation violates human rights and harms children and the men they become. PO Box 460795, SF 94146 or call ★★3162.

Skatergirls

We rollerskate in the park on Sunday, at a roller rink on Wednesday (queer night), and at other times depending on our whims. We're looking for more women to skate with. All skill levels welcome, and also any type of skates—quads, in-lines, shopping cart wheels that you've sewn on your socks... If you're interested... reply BT Box DC600C or call ★★3163.

SF Lesbians And Their Dogs...

Looking for friends for dogwalks, dogsitting and/or company while mom's at work! Long or short hair! Call ★★3164.

Classical Music Partner

Pianist of modest ability seeks violinist, cellist, flutist, etc. for sight reading easy chamber music. PO Box 31519, SF 94131 or call ★★3165.

San Francisco Women's Jam

Weekend jam sessions for lesbians who play any instrument on intermediate or advanced level and like blues, rock, jazz. I play electric guitar. Singers and lyricists also welcome. Let's share songs for fun and practice! Call ★★3166.

Lez Jam, Girl!

Come play with us! We're intermediate to advanced musicians into loving supportive fun. No ego stuff, no judgments—just know your instrument well and be willing to stretch out into new territory in a safe environment. Blues, jazz, real book standards, funk, you bring it, we'll try it! Why keep practicing alone when you can jam with friends? East Bay, but we're flexible if you are. Call ★★3167.

Lyricist/Guitarist Sought

By East Bay, mid-30s, GWM for collaboration on folk/pop/rock songs that I've already written the music for, and possibly some new songs as well. Hoping for fun, and perhaps an amateur performing partnership or small band. Call ★★3168.

Friendly Wrestling Club

Looking to connect with other guys into old-fashioned roughhousing and rolling around on the mats? We're into the sheer enjoyment of fun, playful, non-competitive wrestling. We're not into violence or aggression. Members connect at our informal monthly Saturday night 'rassling parties and through our free members' directory. All ages, sizes and builds are welcomed. Beginners encouraged! Write: Wrestling, 584 Castro St., #504, SF 94114.

GM Salsa/Swing Partners Seek Same

East Bay leader, SF follower, early-30s, have been dancing together for several years. We are seeking singles or couples for friendly and fun evenings at Bay Area nightclubs. Join us at Kimball's, Carnival, Alta Mar, Caesar's, El Rio, special events, wherever the music is. Don't let us have all the fun! Call ★★3169.

Peter Seeking Paul And/Or Mary

No, this is not a bi-couples sex ad! Folk singer/guitarist looking for other singers/guitarists to occasionally get lost in picking patterns and harmony. Prefer contemporary and traditional folk. Equal opportunity musician, all talented musicians encouraged to apply. In case it's important, I'm a 32-year-old gay white male and live in SF. Call ★★3170.

Ski Tahoe

Masculine Eurasian male seeks skier to go on one day trips or weekends. Have 4-wheel drive. Call ★★3171.

Can't Gay Men Just Be Friends?

East Bay gay couple would like to meet other gay males, females and couples for socializing, sporting events, and just all around fun times with cool people. It's sad that I have to say this, but we are just looking for real friends, not sexual partners. Call ★★3172.

Sadhana Brothers

Is a new group forming of gay men on the path of Hindu-based spirituality. This included Vedanta Shaivism & the many diverse Yoga groups teaching meditation, devotional chanting & contemplation of our true divine nature. The group is intended for shared practice, discussion, support & socializing. Experienced practitioners as well as interested newcomers are welcome. Call ★★3173.

Come Fly With Me

GWM, 29, private pilot, working on instrument rating (commercial-bound) seeks fellow aviators to share time exploring Northern California while earning PIC time. Checked out in Cessna and Piper aircraft and eager to expand knowledge! Would like to meet pilots of all ages. Other interests include hiking, cycling and photography. Let's file our plan soon! Reply BT Box DC601C or call ★★3174.

BISEXUAL

Single WM

Businessman, 49, tall, tan, fit & trim, in 3 yr. relationship with beautiful blonde BiWF bodybuilder, 33, 5'6", 118 lbs. We want a slim, fit, bi female, 26-36, to share low-key Florida lifestyle. Prefer nonsmoker, D&D-free. Why spend your time in bumper-to-bumper traffic when you can have it all? If you enjoy fine horses and want to share our homes, please send photo and short bio for fun and more. Reply BT Box DC300C.

I'm Not Your Daddy

But I might be your big brother. I'm 27, 6', 220 lbs., HIV-, hi IQ, looking for young man, under 25, to get up and around with. I live in Santa Cruz, better if you do too. Dancing, shows, tripping, hikes, evenings at the beach, movies, coffee, whatever. Also looking for physical intimacy, but not critical. I enjoy the stimulation of younger minds. If you are interested in getting together, call ★★3120.

Open

26 y.o., truly BiF, seeks mixed or (either) same sex couples for casual safe sex. I have strap-on and other toys. Some light B/D—no pain. Please be cute (like me), respectful of limits & not too serious. Not looking for LTR, but it's possible. Call ★★3121.

Rome

Want company, full or part-time, in Rome several days in late February '94. Sex maybe. Me: 33, look 28, light auburn hair, green eyes, 5'9", 145#, smoothish, into sensitivity, humor, interiors, architecture, jog, free weights. Ideal candidate: gorgeous, phenomenal body, 25-38, honest, sensitive, caring, centered, happy, into visual arts. No dealers, drug users, party animals or lounge lizards. Will consider dating domestically in SF vicinity. Call ★★3122.

Tie Me Up? Tie You Up?

I'm a novice to the explicit "eroticization of power exchange," probably a switch, and ideally you are too. I imagine us talking a lot before, during and after. Tall, blond, bearded, bi man, 41, seeks female fuck/play buddy and/or love slave/slave-master. Ideally you're tall, loquacious, culturally Jewish, solvent, anarchist, jockettish, available, unbusy, vegetarian. Pygmy, mute, papist, broke, nazi, couch tomato, rebounding, workaholic cannibal? Call anyway! Or don't! Call ★★3123.

Let's Get Down

This hot "dyke" wants to check out the "bi" scene. I'd like to meet kinky couples, regular guys, studs and fairies. I'm into a variety of scenes. Let's explore our fantasies together. No smokers, dopers or drinkers. Please be a fun, gentle, evolved, experienced and communicative being. No head trips or unstable folk. 12-steppers and S/M a plus. HIV- only. Call ★★3124.

Prince Charming Is A Slut!

Okay, wishful thinking. Strong, dominant, sarcastic BiBF, 30ish, seeks BiM with an attitude. Me: intense, statuesque, busy, attractive, East Coast attitude. You: fearless, bookish, slightly crazed, with beautiful smile, looking for some amazing times. Dancer/motorcycle a plus. Movie addicted, versatile bottom, kinky & kind. Are you out there? Call now damn you! Call ★★3125.

MESSAGES

G Spot, Saturday, Dec. 4

We were dancing near each other. You kept smiling at me & then left with friends. We're both tall, long hair, long legs! I was wearing b&w leggings. I'd love to meet you again! Call ★★3190.

Barbie At FAO Schwarz

Ribbon-cutting grand opening in October. We stood next to each other during the prize drawings. We exchanged glances and you smiled at me when leaving. You: WM, 5'7"?, dark hair, nice smile. Me: AM, 5'7", moustache, black velvet jacket. I was in a relationship then, but I'm free now. If interested, please call ★★3191.

J-Church, 6 pm, Saturday, Dec. 11

You: standing, leather jacket, "Gap" bag. Me: sitting, blue cap/jacket, "Blockbuster" bag. We exited 24th. I followed, opposite side, up 24th. I went to WF, you to BofA. Walked behind you to Grand View; you disappeared. I'm not crazy, just too shy to say hello, but would like to meet you. Interested in coffee, dinner or show? Call ★★3192.

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MEN

Empathetic Professional
GWM, 63, 5'8", 165 lbs., HIV-, professional, likes movies, classical music, art, travel. Is kind, sensitive, empathetic. Looking for 35+ gay male for friendship and relationship. Please send letter and photo to BT Box DC70C or call ★★3210.

Are You Submissive And Adventurous?
Need instruction, obedience training, verbal kink, bondage, spankings? Need behavior modification for mind and body? Looking for a stable environment? Need to find a masculine, aggressive dad or master, responsible and affectionate? Over 18, nonsmoker, no drugs, with a "yes, sir" attitude. For total commitment to this unique lifestyle, Boxholder, PO Box 2771, Livermore 94551 or call ★★3211.

Flesh And Spirit
I am interested in ethnic dance, world beat music, country living w/horses, sexual intimacy and fun. You be: physically active, handsome, androgynous, mellow stoner guys. I am same. All races, 30-40 yrs., 5'9"-6'2", 150-180 lbs., photo appreciated. Me: 5'9", 150 lbs., brn eyes, long brn hair, HIV+. Reply BT Box DC71C or call ★★3212.

Attention: Chubby-Relaters
GWM, 49, 6', 265 lbs. (a chubby, but not dedicated to it), successful technical writer looking for what I hope will turn into a long-term relationship. I'm well-educated, intelligent, funny, optimistic, HIV-, mostly sane, and not into pain. Or tobacco smoke. I love my dog, my house, Star Trek, stamps, coins, telephone cards and Amsterdam. You are 40 to 55, weight proportionate to height, bright, optimistic, HIV-, like dogs and Amsterdam, not into pain, don't smoke tobacco, and have LTR in mind. Everything else (including the unspoken) is negotiable. Write 5214-F Diamond Heights Blvd., Box 820, SF 94131 or call ★★3213.

Slim Asian Wanted
Sincere, caring WM, young for 44, 6'2", 174 lbs., trim, cleanshaven, blue eyes, HIV-, teacher of ESL, seeks very slim Asian male for sincere friendship or possible lover. Prefer 18-33, nonsmoker. Plus if foreign-born, enjoy exercise, dislike bars. Let me buy you lunch or treat you to a movie. (No pressure.) Reply Boxholder, PO Box 210202, SF 94121.

Wanted
Young man, single & free, will not accept a trainee. If you know who you are and can be a complement to a 44-yr-old professional, who seeks companionship, friendship and free-spirited enthusiasm, then this GBM says let's meet. I am not into fantasy or sponsoring the unemployed, but do like dreamers who turn thoughts into action. I do best with romantics who believe life is about something other than themselves. Please include phone # for a faster response, but I will answer all inquiries from all interested parties. No BS. BM/HM encouraged, ages to 45, employment a must unless student; type of employment unimportant. Reply to: Boxholder, PO Box 1342, Oakland 94604-1342 or call ★★3214.

Cal Grad Student, 25
6'2", 200, brown/hazel, good-looking, athletic, seeks similarly inclined men for friendship and perhaps more. Interests include: basketball, tennis, bridge and illuminating conversation. Call ★★3215.

8 Seeks 4
Supportive, stable, educated, successful 8 (31, Latin, br/br, beard, physical, handsome, green-thumbed, creative) seeks normal-to-healthy 4, 27-37, who paints, sculpts, writes, plays, acts or creates in other ways, is physically attractive, and has auto. No post-puberty drag drama, 2s, or 7s. NS. Mid-Pen a plus, but not a prerequisite. Reply BT Box DC72C or call ★★3216.

Don't Ask, Don't Tell
He doesn't. I don't. A simple domestic policy when it comes to my desire for a sexual friendship outside my very LTR. If you can be comfortable with my situation and would like to get together on a fairly regular basis, then drop a line to a warm and very friendly guy. I would like to meet someone over 35 who is affectionate, very oral and has some hair on his chest. I am GWM, 44, 5'8", 140, lean/smooth, cute/good-looking, HIV-. Photo appreciated and will be returned/exchanged. Serious only please. Reply BT Box DC73C.

Genuine Guy
GWM, 40, short, muscular, hazel/blue eyes, brown hair, average to good-looking, seeks genuine GMs (any race) with compatible and complementary qualities for friendship and potential LTR. I am open, honest, intelligent, well-educated, independent, individualistic, sensitive, shy. Into personal growth, movies, reading, travel, exercise, eating out and prefer youthful, health-conscious men. Please write: Boxholder, PO Box 194481, SF 94119-4481 or call ★★3217.

Man Seeks Romance
Late-30s GWM seeks affection and romance from a low maintenance man. I love to read, hate to cook, and would rather talk business than party. More East Coast than West, my education and career occupy most of my time and, while I am very pleasant, I am also easily bored. I think that I appreciate beauty but my DNA doesn't include the interior decorator gene. I exercise throughout the week, am 5'6" tall, and weigh about 145 pounds. The optimal candidate is in very good physical shape, taller, muscular, well-educated, 30-45, HIV- and lives near San Francisco. He doesn't smoke cigarettes and doesn't need therapy. Artistic sensibility and cooking skills are nice but not a prerequisite because the city provides the splendor and many good restaurants. Call or write. Reply BT Box DC74C or call ★★3218.

The Sex Was Great, But...
What's important to me is not the tan, the bulging muscles, or the Marky Mark good looks, but those things that run deeper. My "perfect you" would like quiet, candle-lit dinners at home, spending time with friends, dancing (I'm even willing to learn C/W), the theater, the tactile dome at the Exploratorium, and would not be afraid of crying during a movie. Don't be intimidated by the list, many variations are perfectly acceptable. I'm 29, 5'7", 135#, bl/bl, honest, good sense of humor, sensitive, sincere & financially stable. I'm ultimately searching for that one special person (I haven't abandoned the hope of your existence) but also look forward to the many people I will meet along the way. Call ★★3219.

Forget Superman
I'm looking for Clark Kent. You know Clark; he's the shy, sweet, bumbling office type, who's got a heart of gold (& great build) underneath that stuttering exterior, but he's overlooked in favor of Superoaf. Architects, engineers, chemists, etc., take note! (Glasses a+). Me: I'm 5'10", 150, 39, Italian w/bright green eyes, the love-smitten copy boy over at *The Daily Planet*. Please call ★★3220.

I Know You're Out There
GBM, 29, 6'1", 170 lbs., new to Bay Area, cute, masculine, easygoing, like watching sports, going out and getting the most out of life. Seeks GWM, 25-40, who enjoys the same and more. For possible relationship. Photo a plus, but not necessary. Let's share a life together. Write to BT Box DC75C.

Little Guy—Big Cock?
You fit the saying that big surprises come in small packages, love showing off your big meat and enjoy the attention when guys admire that big dick on your little body. WM, late-40s, wants to worship your cock. Asians and Blacks a plus. PO Box 426655, SF 94142 or call ★★3221.

Boyfriend Available
You can bring me to the office or home to mom. Castro area GWM, 39, attractive, 5'6", 145, in-shape, brown hair/eyes, moustache, HIV+ offers intelligence, sense of humor, clear values, and self-esteem. I'm affectionate, empathetic, not intuitive. We're professionals, and both enjoy city activities, travel, romance and sex. You're 35-45, weight proportionate, HIV+, NS, ND. Want a relationship built on communication, trust and respect? Call ★★3222.

Fire-Buffalo Seeks Mr. Mostly Wonderful
Me: beefy Caucasian, 44, 6', dark hair & eyes, moustache, moderately hairy, attractive, masculine, professional, intelligent, cultured, romantic, sexy, communicative, sense of humor, HIV-, able to share and commit. You: mature, attractive, moderately muscular or beefy, sexy, facial hair, HIV-, financially stable, sense of humor, communicative, able to share and commit. Objective: to share our stories, dates, possibly develop an exclusive relationship. Call ★★3223.

Squeaky Wheel
Good-looking, emotionally available, intelligent, healthy, irreverent, rebellious, imaginative, intense, intuitive, sensitive, unconventional, supportive, and ready for a loving relationship. I'm 6'2", 180, 30, brown-blond hair, green eyes, HIV-. Comfortable with my current friends, but want a special relationship. I want a focused and loving relationship that supports one another to grow personally and professionally, enables sharing intimate secrets, thoughts, dreams, feelings, ideas, fantasies, and insecurities. One that allows both to be vulnerable, but at the same time strengthens our individuality. We are strong but know that we don't always need to be because we are there for each other. We cook together, sometimes read to each other, curl up together after a long exhausting day, and discuss rather than argue differences. You are 30-45, emotionally available, sincere, available, good-looking, in good shape, ambitious, communicative, conscientious, have a good sense of humor and self, inherently monogamous and comfortable with it (not thinking that you may be), consider that being gay is only second to who you are as a person but not resentful of that part. I'm attracted to men comfortable with their good looks and body. Facial/chest hair a definite plus. If you take the time to sincerely reply with photo to PO Box 26421, SF 94126, I'll do the same, regardless.

Build Me Up, BB?
Gdlkg, energetic, 37 y.o. (cleanshaven, 30" waist) seeks BB to help me grow. Asymp. HIV+ with stamina (and ten new pounds) thanks to testosterone shots. I'll make you proud & me too. I'm a good pal on top of everything else. A BB coach, daddy or buddy would make a great gift for 1994. Reply PO Box 460910, SF 94146-0910 or call ★★3224.

Bright Dad
Seeks intelligent son. Dad is 46, 5'10", 160 lbs., loving, caring and mature, HIV-. Dad wants son who is intelligent and sensitive. He likes good sex but wants to explore possibility of LTR. Dad wants to know son's emotions—nothing trivial here. 537 Jones St., #8778, SF 94102 or call ★★3225.

GWM Seeks GAM
Intelligent, balanced, good-looking GWM, 5'8", 155 lbs., 41, HIV-, seeks GAM between 35-45. I'm in-shape, financially stable and good-humored. Would like to meet similar GAM. Call ★★3226.

Not Straight-Acting
As a child, mother told me it is just as easy to fall in love with a rich woman as a poor one (we didn't know that I liked men yet!), so here I am single and wanting a committed relationship with a man who can support me without being "daddy"; I hate that. Someone who will have his own life, allow me my own life (work, school, etc.), and want us to share together. You must be an amazing, monogamous, nonsmoking dreamboat who will go to the opera with me because you love it, or let me go with friends 'cause you hate it. I want to find love again, make someone happy, and live well in SF or Bay Area. If you want to court me, send letter and photo to receive mine. Reply BT Box DC76C.

Underwear/Jockstrap Fantasies?
Attractive, slim (29" waist), tanned, super smooth, callipygian, 30-something Asian seeks WM to watch me model my huge men's undergarment collection (briefs, thongs, jockstraps, swimwear, spandex, boxers, shorts, sweats, fundoshi). Help me into/out of my garments, grope me, photograph me. Safe, fun, erotic play (I'm also HIV-, deep-throated, anal passive, into masturbation). Plus if you'll model your undergarments for me. Not into dirty/women's underwear. Call ★★3227.

Italian-Swiss-German-Irish
All-American, 34 y.o., dirty blond is tired of being a tourist attraction, meeting all of the cute guys from out of town. Now, don't get me wrong: Looks do count, but if you don't have the personality to back it up you might as well keep lusting after "Mr. Perfect" at the gym while I get down to business with some "415" boy ready for it. Asian/Pacific Islander/Latin men a+. 28 to 38 years old, HIV-. Get over it and call ★★3228.

Wanted: Well-Built & Hairy
Well-built WM, hung big w/huge low-hangers, needs other well-built WM, hung big (cut), hairy body with a big, hard, hairy bubble butt that needs a hungry tongue and throbbing cock. Call ★★3229.

Cute As A Button
My friends can't believe it that I don't have a boyfriend. They're puzzled. I'm puzzled. So here's your chance! I'm a cutie-pie, 43, love music, movies, walking, San Francisco stuff, cuddling, laughing & having fun. I'm looking to meet a man, say, 30-45, who enjoys life and who might

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BURTON HAD ONE OF THOSE MOMS WHO NEVER MADE HIM MAKE THE BED...
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MEANWHILE, ONE MIDNIGHT ON POLK STREET, YOUR slightly OLDER SISTERS WERE GETTING READY TO GO CLUBBING, BUT YOU DIDN'T KNOW THAT, OR THEM, AT THE TIME...
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BACK AT YOUR HOUSE, BURTON WAS SLEEPING OVER. THE TWO OF YOU WERE USING FLASHLIGHTS TO FIGURE OUT WHO HAD BIGGER BICEPS AND MORE BODY HAIR...
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THANKS TO AVA MAHLER.

want to meet me. Call me and tell all. Let's talk. Call ★★3230.

Mutual Dirty Talk & Jack-Off Fantasy
You've just lost your job; I broke up with my girlfriend. It's late, the bar calls last round. We decide to leave and party together. We dig the male bonding, wanting to go one step further, yet not ready for gay fuck/suck sex. How 'bout getting together around 10-11 pm at my place, Oakland, drink, smoke, party (sharing costs 50/50). Let's get naked, appreciate each other's manhood, and let drinks make dirty talk and jerkoff flow like wine. Call ★★3231.

3-Way With Muscular Black Athlete & Trim White Stud
You: white, bright, friendly, masculine, discreet, muscular, defined and trim, 21-38, under 6'2" & 200 lbs., NS, light drinker, no drugs & HIV-. To service: 6', muscular, Black college athlete with gorgeous legs, ass & cock; and 5'8", muscular, active, white stud, late-30s, with gorgeous thick dick. Send returnable photo, fantasy and phone to: Boxholder, PO Box 11434, Oakland 94611 or call ★★3232.

Big, Uncut & Hairy
Looking for same. I'm 45, 5'8", medium husky, dark Italian, balding, masculine, hairy, big uncut. I'm into the simple things of life, easygoing, mature, responsible, happy, honest, and would like to meet other people for safe sex, mutual J/O and oral sex. I'm HIV-, your status not important since we're going to play safe, no heavy drugs or alcohol. If you're interested write: PO Box 2554, Guerneville 95446-2554 or call ★★3233.

Teddy Bear Dad Seeks Cub
My arms hold what the world lacks. Hugs and kisses come first. Shy, honest, sincere, attractive, GWM, 43, 6'5", 280 lbs., football player's build, moustache, hairy chest and stomach. Looking for long-term relationship. Attracted to good-looking GWMs, 21-35, who have a slim build. Sexually, I'm into extended periods of assplay—light spanking, oral sex give and take. Gr. active. Loyalty a must. Call ★★3234.

Baby, It's Cold Outside...
And nothing warms the cockles like a boy in bondage. Handsome perverted top, 35, dark hair/eyes/goatee, seeks cute-as-a-whip playmate into restraint, spanking, unnecessary roughness. Couldn't care less about dick size, muscle mass, or pouty, International Male types whose interest in hot wax is limited to removing their chest hair—but am seriously queer for bumptious butt brats; ravenous raunch rangers; and big, butch, service-oriented sex thugs who wish everyone would stop assuming they're tops. Respectful, long-suffering novices considered; dabblers are sternly discouraged. Call ★★3235.

Tasty
Is your beautiful, hairy, hot, juicy ass in heat and would love deep, soothing relief by this Latino with a long, hungry, expert tongue? Or are you a foreskin lover and chewer that can enjoy my long, succulent, juicy, delicious foreskin, thick dickmeat that waits for you for many hours of happiness? Call ★★3236.

Better Than Prozac
Depressed GWM (24, 6'1", 165, brown/green) seeks same. I didn't like Prozac, my therapist annoyed me, and my friends don't understand me. I'm looking for a similarly functional but sometimes thoroughly depressed GM for friendship, companionship and, potentially, a LTR. Maybe we'll despise each other or maybe we'll understand each other. Maybe the attention and companionship of another who really does understand will permanently raise our spirits. Call ★★3237.

New Year/New Beginnings
Someone with the time, energy and commitment it takes for a successful union. No personal ad

gameplayers, please. I'm very attractive Italian, very young 60, 5'8", 155#, hazel, brown/bald, short beard, HIV-. Enjoy home, music, conversation, board games, reading, quiet times. You're mature, in-shape, nonsmoker. We're dependable, honest, considerate nice guys. Travel is no problem. All answered. Photo appreciated/returned. PO Box 6043, Eureka 95502-6043 or call ★★3238.

Bad Attitude—Good Fuck
Hot, handsome, hung, masculine, muscular, Italian topman, 6', 180 lbs., brown hair, green eyes, moustache, 8½", HIV-, needs a hot, in-shape, eager to please bottom. Experience not necessary—will train. Any race. Boys with small dicks are a particular turn-on. Call ★★3239.

Strangers In The Night
Green-eyed, attractive, romantic, easygoing, sexually aggressive, 32 y.o., GWM, 5'10", 165#, seeks: intimate city rendezvous and stimulating communication. You possess: honesty, handsome looks and an undaunted outlook on life. Call ★★3240.

Soulmate Waiting
GWM, 6'1½", 175, looking for soulmate; honest, affectionate and willing to share and support each other in long-term relationship. Sometimes I feel I'm the only one left. Age, race not important. Me: 42. You: not important, only emotional maturity. Friends say I'm very attractive, but beauty is in the soul. Life and sharing is vital to be happy. Patiently waiting—write PO Box 640813, SF 94164 or call ★★3241.

Clean And Sober
Fat daddy mentor, GWM, 350#, HIV-, brn/brn, beard, 43, seeks younger, nearly fit, working-class GWM for LTR. You are ready to commit, surrender. Enjoy sci fi, RPG, comedy and social change. Call ★★3242.

Good-looking, successful GWM, 26, 5'10", 140, looking for other intelligent, well-educated GMs. Call ★★3243.

GWM Seeks Man Of Color
GWM, late-40s, 6', 190#, good-looking, in-shape, bl. eyes, graying, seeks Black male, 45-60, for fun, companionship, cuddling, more. Enjoy relaxed dinners at home, East Bay. Call ★★3244.

Asian Soulmate!
GWM, bright with good sense of humor, but tired of being alone, seeks caring Asian man with a smile in the eye. Both of us are NS, romantic, relationship-oriented (sex is not the main thing in life). I am 42 (look 35 or so) and slim—attracted to younger/boyish-looking Asians; since I don't want to pay dad, let's say 28-35! Take a chance! Call ★★3245.

Native Italian Seeks Italian American
36 y.o., good-looking, 5'7", 145 lbs., green eyes, short hair, BB type with a good body, hairy, is looking for an American-Italian man to exchange Italian language and culture and sex. You must be tall, good-looking, top. Call ★★3246.

Sex Mate And Companion
Is sought for erotic pleasures, dining out, traveling, possibly taking dance lessons together (ballroom, country/western) by a GW foreigner, early 40s, handsome, fairly hairy, tall, trim, mostly Greek active, HIV-, who swims regularly. You are over 5'10", trim, good-looking, 20s-30s, bright, smooth torso and buttocks, relaxed—submissive, pleaser, NS, HIV-. Photo necessary—will be returned. PO Box 423721, SF 94142 or call ★★3247.

Sexy Wrestlers
Are you into erotic roughhousing with a hard-on? Sensual play on the mats? Fun, non-competitive wrestling nude or in jockstraps? If you're into violence and aggression, look somewhere else. But if you'd like to join 'rassling parties and meet other 'rasslers through our free members' directory, write us. All ages, sizes and builds are welcomed. Beginners encouraged! Wrestling, 584 Castro St., #504, SF 94114.

You're So Sexy In Dead Cow Flesh... Not!
Vegan raver, 28, lean, tan, energetic, long hair—HIV/ethnicity irrelevant. Absolutely no leather! Vegans avoid animal abuse: meat, milk, eggs, pets, cowskin... Blasphemers and conspiracy theorists especially encouraged. I groove to the tunes of Nirvana, Consolidated, the Lemonheads, Faith No More, Machines of Loving Grace. Live a little—or a lot. High! Call ★★3248.

GWM Seeks GAM
Approx. 35-48, NS, LD, who is honest, sincere, loving, full of life and can accept others for what they are. Seek friendship first—LTR possible, but we both must be certain and comfortable with it. I'm not seeking to be CEO of a Fortune 500 company. Just enjoy my job, quiet evenings together with someone special, opera, symphony, photography, dining out, movies, etc. If you are like-minded, call ★★3249.

Tender Closeness
Easy comfort with each other as loving men. Total acceptance and respect. Alliance for health and the view toward the "source" of life. Is this possible? Nonsmoker, non-drinker, much personal growth and work. 5'7", 165, blnd, blue, HIV-, divorced, 52, yoga, aerobicizer, vegetarian, social work—a man of character and depth. Reply BT Box DC77C or call ★★3250.

Have No Lover
Not seeking one. But want the pleasures and rewards of knowing another's body. Value companionship, independence, intimacy, humor, smells, tastes and warmth. Young 50, healthy, 5'8", very active, brn/gray hair, hazel eyes. You: height/weight proportionate, active, healthy, 35-45, willing to explore, make magic under the stars or a quilt. Call ★★3251.

Heart To Heart
Handsome wheelchair guy, finishing law school and becoming a lawyer, buying a home, seeks the best in life. I would like an intelligent, well-brought-up and athletic, spiritual guy, w/high self-esteem and a big heart, to share my love and happiness within as complete and monogamous a way as possible. If you enjoy living life to the fullest and you are not afraid of a disability, or are not jaded by homophobia, let's meet. PO Box 4607, Berkeley 94704 or call ★★3252.

Gay & Gray
GWM, 57, 5'7", 145 lbs, HIV-, green eyes, gray-brown hair, moustache & beard. Not unattractive; not perfect—are you? You are over 48, unpretentious, honest, romantic, positive attitude, great sense of humor and are sensitive to the interests & needs of others & enjoy each new day & the adventure it brings. Your wt. & ht. are proportionate. You are not into drugs/studs/bar scene/Greek Gods/or the super-hung. Your attitude about yourself is most important & you are someone who laughs easily and can love deeply. You are sexually versatile: passionate but warm, and totally comfortable to be with. Smoking and drinking are your option. You are a pale-blue-collar man for all seasons—for all the right reasons—or a white-collar man who relates to this ad. Don't let (temporary) distance keep us apart as a permanent move home to SF will soon take place. For that special you, I can be on the next plane and we can meet in just four hours. All sincere letters will be answered & a picture appreciated. Don't fear the unknown—just get better acquainted with its possibilities. Reply BT Box DC78C.

Very Handsome Young Man Wanted
Me: gay, 26, Irish, slightly conservaive beach boy, environmentally oriented, strong, courageous, fit, very deep, warm, respectable, conscientious, curious, romantic, educated, want to be more educated, perfectly handsome new friend to have—prefer younger. Call ★★3253.

Where Is The Magic?
You are cordially invited to share the magic that comes from new encounters and explorations. Sensitive, sensual man of maturity who values intimacy, companionship, honesty, humor and a joy for living, highly successful, good-looking professional, HIV-, seeks a gentleman caller to share a magic journey. RSVP please. Mandrake or Merlin will reply. Box 52, 350 - 7th Ave., SF 94118 or call ★★3254.

Basic Sex Ad
Wanted: well-endowed GWM, under 40, for daytime sex adventures, dick worship, sex fantasies, etc. HIV-, fit, sexy, clean and safe-minded only need apply. Me: mid-20s, gym-toned, healthy, into new adventures. Call right now. Call ★★3255.

Masc. GWM, 57, 6'4", Stocky (240#)
Silver/hazel, attractive (if description your type), seeks mature (35+) Asian or Latino (prefer slim) for social (standard interests) and intimate contact. My place currently not available for intimacy. Me: warm, outgoing, pleasant. You: similar inclinations. I'm cautious, but let's see if something might develop. Call ★★3256.

Take The Time
Do you have time for a hot session? Busy GWM will make time for intimate fun with masculine Black male (gay or bi), who is mature, stocky and NS. This tall, lean, muscular, athletic, mid-30s, blue-eyed man desires the sensuous touch of a passionate Black man. A+ if you are athletic, bearded, hairy or uncut. Let's make arrangements to get together. Discretion is assured. Call ★★3257.

Hungry, Horny, HIV+
Healthy, 46, 6', 170, 'stache, glasses, smooth, Folsom-oriented (for 21 years), looking for a hairy-chested, full-bearded, baldish/short-haired, non-cologned animal into safe but no-holds-barred man-to-man butt, tit, CBT, kissing, rugged action where mutual satisfaction is our goal and limits/exploration are negotiated—from rough to not-so-rough—everything possible, except brown hankies. Top/bottom—doesn't matter. LTR? Maybe, but let's see if we can satisfy each other & quiet that animal hunger first. All vices negotiable—I'm cautious but no prude (a pervert at heart). Mature men given special consideration. Let's talk. PO Box 460595, SF 94146 or call ★★3258.

Dedicated Partner, Reliable Friend
Enneagram 4 (5 wing), INFP, seeks soulmate/LTR. We value: mutual respect, spiritual intimacy, balance, disciplined thought, integrity, healthy lifestyles, self-awareness, altruism, home, nature, intuition, classical music(-making), shared journeys, the unknown, emotional availability, roads less traveled, deep feelings, inner exploration/growth, kindred spirits, tolerance, animals, higher self, singing, spontaneity, growing old together, inner child, uniqueness, new approaches, walks, teachers, sensitivity. GWM, 5'7", 123#, adaptable 46. Call ★★3259.

Mountain Biking Companion...
GAM, 5'6", 130#, 32. I am sane, fun, nice, easy-going, slender build, and attractive. I don't smoke or do drugs. I enjoy the outdoors (mtn biking, hiking, camping, the beach). I am hoping, for starters, to get acquainted with other guys with similar attributes and interests. Call ★★3260.

Culturally Motivated Hunk
While confident, assertive and masculine, I detest sports, instead embracing nature, music and visual arts. I'm domestically/artistically/horticulturally/toply talented—definite househusband material. Seeking other (single or couple) handsome, heavy-bearded facial types who, like me, are: muscular, 30ish, conservative appearing (but intellectually environmentalist, atheist) cuddlers who enthusiastically crave trees, wilderness and some of the following: architecture, contemporary art, jazz vocals, baroque, bluegrass, ethnic food, horses, antiques. Call ★★3261.

The Good Life Gets Better
Friends, family and personal growth are key to my happiness, but I would like to add a new dimension by entering into a LTR. We are both sincere, honest, happy, loving, affectionate, communicative, sensual, respectful and supportive of our lives together and apart. I am an attractive GWM, 31, 6', 155 lbs., brown/green eyes and very short brown receding hair. I enjoy music (jazz, R&B, blues, salsa, etc.), Latin and swing dancing, reading, jazzercise, volunteer work, the outdoors (skiing, hiking, biking, tennis), breakfast out, talking over coffee or a glass of wine, dinner with friends, travel, movies, exploring SF area and laughing with people—not at them. Politically liberal, sensitive, somewhat spiritual, with stable job. You are any race, attractive, late-20s to late-30s, height/weight proportionate, NS/ND, emotionally secure, financially stable, monogamous, fun-loving, with sense of humor and some common interests. Call ★★3262.

ADventure + CHemistry =
...a cute and masculine guy into "innocent" explorations, friendship, great adventures and possible LTR. The result of my chemistry quest should equal someone just as cute on the inside as on the outside, an honest guy under 31 who's ready for an adventure of his own. Smooth and slim types earn extra points. I'm 32, 6'1", 165#, blond/blue, very outgoing and kinda intense. C'mon, let's find out how much fun science can really be! Reply BT Box DC79C or call ★★3263.

Asian/Filipino, 26
Non-drinker, nonsmoker, looking for friendship or a soulmate. Monogamous only. 21-35 yrs. old. Latino or Asian. Call ★★3264.

Hot And Affectionate
Seeks same for intimacy. Tall WM, 38, lean, muscular, rugged, handsome, hairy chest, great smile, friendly, sexy, sensual, oral, beefy uncut, playful, open, together and laidback, wants to hang out with trim, hard-bodied WM or Latino who is masculine, sincere, enthusiastic, healing. A man who knows that sex is hot, but intimacy is more satisfying. Moustache and hung a+. Call ★★3265.

Young Irishman (55)
Native has a desire to fall in love with a young (under 40) native Irishman—Protestant/Catholic OK. Nationalist at heart. Cock size doesn't matter—a gentleman for a gentleman. Box 8522, SF 94102 or call ★★3266.

It's Cold Outside
My favorite time of year to get warm and cozy! I enjoy the comforts of home—food, wine, music, friends, intimacy. I'd like to share these things with another guy who knows what he likes. I'm 46, Jewish, professional, 5'9", 175#, HIV-, NS/ND, wavy brown hair, cleanshaven, hairy-chested (but prefer smooth men). If you're still reading, please call or write. I'd appreciate your photo, will send you mine. Reply BT Box DC80C or call ★★3267.

Love And Fantasies Come True Together
GM, 40, 6'1", 190, HIV-, good-looking, Italian, honest, very affectionate, stable, masculine, have much love to offer; race/religion are unimportant. I want to make fantasies come true with the right man. W/S. If your needs meet mine, please write. PO Box 427126, SF 94142 or call ★★3268.

Seeking Black Partner
Prof. WM, 48, 5'8", well-built, very intelligent, at peace with self and others (I smile a lot) seeks intelligent, adventurous, kinky, masculine Black man, more top than bottom in sex, slightly crazy, who truly likes himself and others and enjoys his work and life. I like brash and loving people. I'm not for the materialist, the vanilla or the easily wounded. PO Box 10546, Oakland 94610 or call ★★3269.

Free Erotic Massage
Offered to all people of color—an experience intended to heat the body & eroticize the soul. No reciprocation expected; not a sex ad but a total body massage and a sensual healing experience using warm scented oils and soft candlelight. Massage shaman seeking only to improve ancient erotic techniques and maybe in process find tantric partner. PO Box 410990, Suite 256, SF 94141-0990 or call ★★3270.

East Bay Ritualistic Dirty Talk/ Jack-Off Obsession
Heavy mutual dirty talk, jack-off, phallic worship while chanting, talking, stroking, showing off and watching masculine, aggressive GWM, while partying and consuming substances (medium to wild, share costs 50/50). Seeking other masculine, aggressive buddy. Not into shaved, mirrors, videos, couples, toys. Age, size, looks unimportant. Not a fuck/suck/touch scene. Long scenes encouraged. Get together my place, 10-11 pm. Buddy-to-buddy scene, not top/bottom. Must be devoted to Priapus (the god of cock). Call ★★3271.

Seeking "Special" Asian Friend
Handsome, young, hopelessly romantic GWM is seeking "quality" Asian for sincere friendship and fun times. I am professional, honest, polite, toyal and very happy. Nonsmoker, healthy, gym-toned, 150 lbs., 5'10", green eyes, brown hair. Have great sense of humor, zest for life and very ambitious. I'm attracted to Asians with big smiles, high standards and aggressive goals. Clean-cut, "trim," sexy bodies preferred. If you have a lot to offer and want the best... please write. Photo returned. Let's make some magic! Reply BT Box DC81C or call ★★3272.

True Or False?
Younger means immature, not interesting? Older means unfeeling, unattractive? LM and WM are incompatible? Relationship equals company and sex, not friendship and love? All true? Then read on: GLM, 20, 5'11", 160, seeks fit, honest, clean-shaven GWM up to age 40 for friendship and possible LTR. Anyone out there brave enough to respond? Call ★★3273.

No Bullshit
I'm basic. So are you. Perfection is for fools. I couldn't care less about the size of your dick or savings account. All the name-dropping in these ads makes me yawn. What matters is your take on life; your sense of self; your ability to laugh at the world; your integrity, conviction and truthfulness. Similar interests help. (Mine include deep books, barhopping, funky restaurants, used record stores, outdoor recreation, and things that go bump in the night.) Ideally, you're a cute GWM born between 1953 and 1973. I'm a friendly, good-looking GWM, 27, 5'10", 155 lbs. Get off the merry-go-round and reply BT Box DC82C or call ★★3274.

Blue Collar And Brains
Intelligent and handsome GWM, 43, with lean, muscular body (5'11", 155 lbs, br/bl). Seeking LTR with similar GWM who is also a gentle and loving top. It isn't necessary to have the same interests—mutual respect for one another is the operative phrase here. Call ★★3275.

Let's Get Naked
Attractive, friendly, boyish-looking GWM, 34 y.o., 5'8", 140#, drk blond hair, grn eyes, clean-cut, hairy trim body, seeks handsome, muscular, independent topman, for friends and fun. Reply w/photo (returned) to Boxholder 99, 2300 Market St., SF 94114 or call ★★3276.

Marriage Plans
Bother you? Stop reading. I want to marry an Asian man who's totally out. Who will be an equal partner in a spiritual, monogamous life, NS, ND, light-to-no alcohol, HIV-, who values love and commitment more than anything else. I'm 5'11", 195, cleanshaven, masculinely handsome, brn/blue, hairy chest, great smile, wonderful sense of humor, romantic and loves life, mid-40s. You: younger, smaller and cute. Call ★★3277.

Big Guy Searching...
For friends, LTR w/Asian, Hispanic, Anglo guys. You: under 40, ht/wt prop., smooth body or lightly hairy, no beard, healthy, light smoker OK, passionate, comfortable w/being gay, ability to value the inner person rather than only the outer shell. Me: Caucasian, 30, 5'11", 350#, br/br, NS, HIV-, educated, handsome, cleanshaven. I've much to offer: my love, monogamy, loyalty. Box #3, 1800 Market St., SF 94102 or call ★★3278.

Teddy Bear Needs Hugs And Kisses
My arms hold what the world lacks. Me: attractive GWM, 6'5", 280 lbs., football player's build, brown hair, hairy chest and stomach, moustache. Interests include: music, TV, cabaret, concerts, plays. Relationship-oriented. Sexual interests include: ass massage, light spanking, oral sex (give and take), Greek active. You: attractive GWM, 21-35, slim build with nice buns. Good kisser a plus. Loyalty a must. Call ★★3279.

Let's Do It
39, 5'10", 157 lbs., attractive GWM looking for love, friendship and possible LTR. I have varied interests. I'm a musician, enjoy working out regularly, am self-employed and appreciate other's differences. You are an attractive, muscular man, any race, who has a great body, healthy lifestyle, with honesty, humor and your own passions, who wants a physical and emotional attraction to a unique man. Let's talk and see what develops. Call ★★3280.

Share Our Happy Home
... For a day or longer. If you are: loving, boyishly cute (androgynous); with a hairless body, silky complexion; short (5'5" max.), slim (135# max.), youthful (18-35); versatile (bottom and top), HIV-; enjoy kissing, intimate evenings; maybe into computers, sailing, tennis or cooking; call us. We are GWM, 5'5", 150, mid-40s (looks younger); and GAM, 5'1", 130, mid-30s. Both HIV-. Call ★★3281.

I Am Yours
If you are an intelligent, warm, caring person seeking a loving, lasting, monogamous relationship. I am a warm, gentle GWM, 32, 5'8", 125, cleanshaven. I am a novelist and scientist, with Midwestern upbringing and values. I'm honest, intelligent, creative and non-materialistic, not into bars or casual sex. I don't smoke or drink. You are 22-36, slim, cleanshaven, of any race (Asians most welcome). Some things I like include music, literature, conversation, running, libraries, bookstores, and golden retrievers. PO Box 40352, Berkeley 94704.

Violence Fetish
I cum always fantasizing about enduring violence. The options: an S/M top or versatile who also fits other profile. Or hot non-S/Mer who won't mind my watching S/M videos. I'm muscular, 5'10", 33, 160, cleanshaven, smart, cute, HIV-. Your profile: 23-45, intelligent, sociable, fit, adventurous, have a real life. I'm S/M experienced but I'm focused on other things, too. Pluses: artist, grunge, beauty, boots, cigars, genius. Call ★★3282.

Seeking An Asian Friend
GWM, 50s, 5'10", 165, seeks GAM friend(s) for good times, possible roommate and even possible LTR. I am an oralist, enjoy massage, giving and receiving, old movies, reading, TV and quiet times at home. You be stable, employed or student, no drugs. I have a spacious place in Concord with swimming pool. Call ★★3283.

Atencion! Mature Europeans, Japanese
And Cubans in California and Florida: This retired professional, 55, seeks a companion for platonic affection and/or erotic love. I appreciate and provide authenticity, humor, substance, mindfulness, refinement, non-conformity and practicality.

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San Francisco **2 HNKY BTMS:** Are seeking a tp. If you are the large football type, that would be a HUGE+. ☎10060

San Francisco **NOB HILL:** If under 35 pls call. Looking for ht times. ☎10108

San Jose **SANTA CRUZ AREA:** 5'9" tp seeks football btms. Please call. You won't be disappointed. ☎1638

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San Jose **YNG PREPPY DJ:** down to earth, enjoy clubbing, dancing, looking to hook up w/smlr type. ☎1064

San Jose **CHUBBY CHASER?:** Asian wanted. Must party and chase chubbies. Call me at home. Looking for a relationship w/21-35 year old. ☎8621

San Jose **TOP PERFORMERS:** 39 y/o, gwm, btm, seeks tp ☎1524

San Jose **OWN HOUSE W/HOT TUB:** I'm looking for aggres., masc. men in s. bay, (hairy & black A+; bi- welcome). ☎8648

San Jose **BENCH PRESSURE:** 34 YO avg likes to workout. Also enjoys movies and dancing. Hispanic male seeks partner. ☎1012

San Jose **THREE'S COMPANY:** Couple in the So. Bay seeks WM for friendship and fun. Any race welcome. ☎3015

Mountain View **MTN VIEW:** Johnny in Mtn View. would like to meet others in peninsula. Very vers. Like movies and music. Leave me a message. ☎2608

SF **WANTED:** under 30 YO btm. Clean-cut and gd looking. Pls. call me. ☎2756

SF **COLOR ME HOT:** Handsome, 29, seeks men of color for hot times. ☎2882

SF **LET'S TALK:** 44 Y/O seeks under 32 for safe fun. ☎2939

SF **SEEKING BM:** David 29. 5'8 seeks BM. Love people and talking. Call and get to know me better. ☎7661

SF **O SOLE MIO!:** 28 YO Asian 5'6,165 blk haired prof. I love the arts and old movies. Let's enjoy the good things in life. Opera singer in San Francisco. 30-45 are encouraged. Must have zest for life. ☎9237

SF **EAST BAY:** 5'11, bm, seeks wm, for fun times. ☎9241

SF **BLACKDROP:** Good looking BM, btm, seeks WM 22-35 for fun. ☎8390

San Jose, **OH, DADDY!:** 5'10, 180lbs, seeking older daddies, 35-50, into boxer shorts, please call & be discreet thanks. ☎7467

San Jose, **FUN DAYS:** 35 y/o, looking for daytime fun, leave name & number for poss. get together. ☎ 7306

San Jose, **EXOTIC:** poly, haw., 5'11, 170lbs, long straight hair, strong personality, humorous, prof.,seeks tall atrac. somewhat inexper. male. ☎ 1017

San Jose, **ITALIAN/HISPANIC:** 20 y/o, 5'7, currently attending San Jose St. Univ., looking for someone to party with, (prefer under 30). ☎ 8303

San Jose, **SMOOTH FUN:** 25 y/o, 5'11, 155lbs, v. goodlkg, brw hair & eyes, clean shaven, masc. acting, looking for fun , ☎ 2052

San Jose, **CENTRAL AREA:** 5'9, short brw hair, brw eyes, looking for other short haired men for evening/weekends. ☎ 2858

San Jose, **SWEET TV:** masc. acting seeks soft TV for fun. ☎ 5454

Central Valley, **BIG TALKER:** 21 y/o looking to talk with all men. ☎ 5918

Oakland, **CUDDLE ME:** I'm 39 and love to play, cuddle, like to get to know somebody. ☎ 1455

Oakland, **THICK BONED:** 24 y/o, bm, 5'8, 155lbs, brw skin, med. build, thick boned, looking for tp men for fun times. ☎ 7540

Oakland, **OAKLAND BASE:** 28, 6'3, short hair, brw eyes, looking for btm, under 30, smooth, if interested please call. ☎ 2725

SF, **YOUNG & READY:** 22 y/o, looking for someone into everything, call me. ☎ 3844

SF, **LOADS OF FUN:** 23, 5'11, 175lbs, looking for someone who likes to have fun, call soon, I'm lots of fun. ☎ 7586

SF, **MUSICIAN:** 43, 5'8, 130lbs, slender, sensitive.brw hair/eyes, btm, looking for dom. loving guy, w/dark hair, to wake up to. ☎ 8572

SF, **FIRST TIME AD:** v. clean, open minded, looking for new sensation, willing to try most anything once. ☎ 8632

SF, **MARINA AREA:** 23, 6', seeks friends to go out under 30. ☎ 7290

SF, **LET'S HANG:** 20 y/o, 130lbs, 5'5, seeks masc. men to get to know, hang out with. ☎ 2073

SF, **HISPANIC/ITALIAN:** 6'2, work out 5 days/wk at gold's, love to swim, bike ride. ☎ 4274

SF, **MASCULINE:** 30, 5'9, 175lbs, into all kinds of outdoor activities, good times. ☎ 4444

SF, **CAN I BE OF SERVICE?:** 5'11, brw hair/eyes, 170lbs, stacked, ☎ 4758

SF, **NEW TO AREA:** 40 y/o, completely shaven, tattooed. ☎ 2238

Santa Cruz **SEEKS BEEFY TYPES:** 32 y/o, 5'9, 175lbs, tp brw hair & eyes, seeking beefy btm guys. ☎1638

San Jose **NEEDS PLAYMATE:** 6', 140lbs, looking for playmate. ☎4359

Santa Clara **GWM:** 26, 6'2, 195lbs, musclr, dark hair, hazel eyes, enjoy having fun. ☎3855

San Jose **HAIRY BEAR:** 38, 6', 210lbs, hairy chest, goatee, brw hair & eyes, enjoy outdoor activities, camping, hiking, scuba diving, comedy clubs, I'm romantic, a great cook and looking for guy for poss. rel. (latino A+). ☎3948

Lodi **BI-BLACK PROFESSIONAL:** 44, seeks any race or aged employed person, call for hm number. ☎3593

San Jose **YOUNG LATIN MALE:** 5'7, 33 y/o, would like to have good time with anyone out there. ☎8514

SF **BUILDING HOMEBODY:** 47, 5'10, 225lbs,(football player build) romantic, handsome, monag., dark hair, blue eyes, love going, to gym, staying at home. ☎1520

SF **VERY VERSATILE:** 22, N2 briefs, swimmer's & guys my own age, please leave msg or call for my pager number. ☎7394

SF **ATTENTION BAY AREA MEN:** I'm 18 and seeking other guys in the Bay area to meet & get to know better, call me if interested in meeting me. ☎8397

Oakland **ATTRAC. BLACK MALE 24:** 5'8, 165lbs, med. build, attrac., looking to meet other guys, leave msg if interested. ☎6744

River City **ACTIVE ROMANTIC:** 5'7, brw hair, enjoy swimming, tennis, bike riding, romance, pets. Give a call. ☎5386

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SF **SEEKS SIMILAR:** 30 y/o, wm, dark hair brw eyes, seeks smlr 25-35 for good times/dating & poss. rel. call my box & leave me a msg. ☎6997

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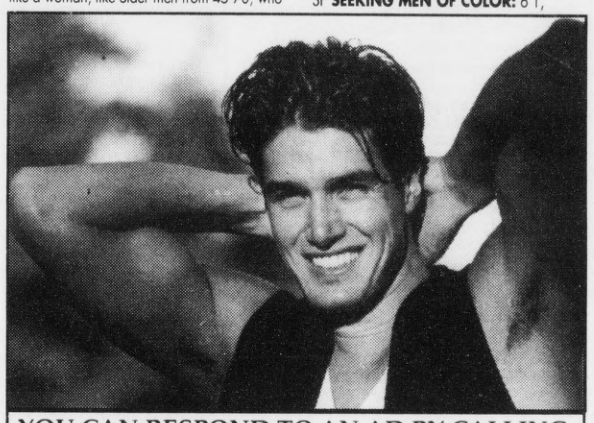

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Interests: personal growth, massage, the arts, psychology (especially the enneagram), orchids, pre-1980s films, conversation & more. I'm not intolerant of disabilities and unfitness. R.F.G., PO Box 3464, Santa Cruz 95063-3464.

Dirty Old Man Seeks Dirty-Minded Youth

46, white, NS, HIV-, big thick hairy dick (cut), big balls, built! (5'8", 140#, 29"), med-hairy arms/chest, very hairy crotch/legs, cleanshaven (face only!), green eyes, thick brown hair (no gray—anywhere!), heavy into J/O, getting/giving head... smart/safe, healthy/handsome (fun to be with!) seeking trim, honest, gainfully employed, NS, HIV-, 18-25, horny, horny boy! (Looks/race unimportant.) Call ★★3284.

An Angel And A Devil

Seeks another deep, honest, caring soul who often feels like he is writing a novel (or a multi-media event) with his life. Attractive and healthy, old enough to mistrust definitions; young enough to find joy and meaning in likely and unlikely places. If this speaks to you, please call ★★3285.

New Year Date

I want to start the New Year with a boyfriend. I'm handsome, 6'1", 185, br/bl, muscular. Sexually, more bottom than top, but can be versatile. I enjoy working out, traveling, dining out, movies. You should be 33-45, attractive, muscular and have similar interests. Let's get together for coffee and see what develops. Call ★★3286.

Loveseat Facing Fireplace

Seats two. Join me? Happy, successful GWM, 40, HIV-, confident, articulate, tall, lean, long legs; above average in looks, brains and balls; seeks exceptional men who love getting plowed for dating, mutual massage, hopefully LTR. Ability to examine life, find meaning, handle conflicts, discuss feelings crucial. Handsome face, muscular chest, chewable tits, baseball biceps—all pluses. Passions: writing, psychotherapy, movies, theater, cooking, day hikes, camping. ND, NS. Call ★★3287.

Yes, But Can You Talk?

Intelligent, educated, voracious reader seeks other men with eclectic interests. Me: 39, 5'8", fit and fairly muscular 170 lbs. (31" waist), bald, brn/blue, glasses, short beard, hairy (front, back), top, HIV-. Interests: hiking, literature, history, cooking, wine, film, German. You: 30-40, wt. proportional, able to talk about more than the last party. SF only. No Republicans. Call ★★3288.

I Wish You Well

Whoever you are. (I) bespeckled, starry-eyed GWM, 20something (wish) bike rides, moving pictures, paper airplanes made of *Sassy*, tree climbing, ballroom dancing in the kitchen, dreaming on fire of (you) corny cornball artsy romantic goofball, nonsmoking, 20-30. (Well...?) Call ★★3289.

Into Enjoying Life

I'm looking for someone who's college educated or well-read, intelligent, any background, 35 or under, in shape, NS/ND, giving and fun-loving, curious about life, and who likes to chat. I'm 34, GJM, 5'5", 150 lbs., average build, dark brown/hazel, interested in film and the arts. Looking for friends or possibly more. Call ★★3290.

Oakland Expert Masturbation/ Dirty Talk Freak

Seeking butt ugly men for heavy, intense, mutual dirty talk, jack-off, cock/ball worship, drinking, smoking, partying (share costs), my place, 11 pm. No fuck/suck/touch. Long one-on-one encounters. New ideas, shaved guys. Cock is more important than physical contact. Object: regular meetings. All of the above must be mutual. Seeking men with time to share, not "full calendar girls." Ugly men make me obsessed with looking at cock. Call ★★3291.

Perky Punky

Unaffected Oly boys with horn rims turn me on! But I'm definitely not going to limit myself to something so esoteric. I also can't fucking label or define myself within the confines of this ad, so if you aren't a poophead, call me, man. Call ★★3292.

Looking For Sex And Romance

My wish list—You: dark moustache and hair, average to well-hung, with sensitive tits, firm body, nice ass. I like affection, cuddling, worshipping yours or being serviced. I get off worshipping a nice one in my mouth or sitting on a hard one. Me: 52, 6 feet, slender, 150#, s/p hair, dark moustache and eyes, nice tool, big balls, nice ass. Seeking good sex, even romance, with a healthy fellow HIVer. Call ★★3293.

Rome

Want company, full or part-time, in Rome several days in late February '94. Sex maybe. Me: 33, look 28, light auburn hair, green eyes, 5'9", 145#, smoothish, into sensitivity, humor, interiors, architecture, jog, free weights. Ideal candidate: gorgeous, phenomenal body, 25-38, honest, sensitive, caring, centered, happy, into visual arts. No dealers, drug users, party animals, or lounge lizards. Will consider dating domestically in SF vicinity. Call ★★3294.

Cupertino Bottom

Seeking tops in my area. Me: 30 y.o., 5'9", 130#, blond hair and green eyes. You: 25-40 y.o., nice body and well-hung. Let's get together. Call me at ★★3295.

Doctor From India/Pakistan In Boston

Seeks professionals between 25-35, South Asian or GWM, interested in the culture and lifestyle of the Subcontinent for a meaningful relationship of mutual growth, respect, love and commitment based on friendship and human values. I am 38, 5'10", 175 lbs., top. Write: Z., PO Box 722 (#180), Boston, MA 02117.

Massage

25 y.o. Asian masseur, smooth & well-defined body, strong hands, likes to trade massage with other masseurs. Call ★★3296.

S/M... Etc.

Middle-Eastern man, good-looking, 36 y.o., lean body, moustache, accent, seeks masculine man to expose him more to bondage/dominance/S/M or whatever. Photo appreciated! Reply BT Box DC83C or call ★★3297.

Winter Boyfriend

GHM, HIV+, healthy 26 y.o., 5'11", 155#, cleanshaven, toned, handsome, health-conscious, light drinking, NS, ND. Some enjoyments: retro-tunes, city life, day hikes, camping, films, cuddling, romance and passionate kissing. Personality traits: sincere, playful, wicked sense of humor, honest, youthful and realistic expectations. U B Caucasian w/similar age, interest and proportions for dating and possible LTR. Call ★★3298.

Asian Friends

Asian guys wanted for friendship and possibly more by GWM, 40s. Gay or bi, under 40. I prefer dominant, but passive OK. I am 5'10", 150. Call ★★3299.

Why Me?

Because I am a humorous, tennis-playing, weightlifting, outdoorsy, bearded GBM, 38, 6'3", 255, HIV- romantic with great hands for massaging or whatever, a great cook and even better friend. Why you? Because you enjoy laughing a lot, exploring the outdoors, sports, dinner, strength yet tenderness in others and are HIV-, GWM, 30-40, 5'10"+, med. build and cute. Why us? For friendship, maybe more. Call ★★3300.

Looking For

Somebody who prefers them older. I am 50 yrs. old with a strong, firm body, nice u/c dick, 'stache. Love deep throat, balls and crotch licking. Long, slow sessions, open to mutual body exploration, massage. I am 5'11", 175 lbs, br/bl, interested in many things: reading, movies, travels. Reply BT Box DC84C or call ★★3301.

Why Is It So Hard...

To meet a genuinely nice guy who has his "shit" together? I consider myself bright, attractive, fun, sarcastic, considerate and caring. My friends consider me loyal, of high moral character, a great conversationalist, intelligent, good-looking and available. I'm attracted to men of all races, 30-38, tall (5'10"+), educated, employed, masculine, HIV-, honest and available. Call for more details. Peninsula/South Bay a+. Call ★★3302.

People I Love Call Me A

Gentleman, scholar, humorist, free spirit, artist, author, dynamite chef, world traveler, counter-culturist and visionary. GWM, 45, 5'9", 200, attractive, masculine, elegant, sincere, big-hearted and spiritual; enjoys long walks, evenings before the fire; and strives for excellence in all ventures. Seeks LTR with a man, 35-55, who has similar interests or attributes, "knows thyself," has integrity and a warm heart. Reply with photo to BT Box DC85C or call ★★3303.

Male Order

Handsome, Spanish male, 5'5", 140 lbs., 35, dark hair, eyes, smooth chest, hairy legs, hung, thick, uncut, into weights, hoops, healthy foods, architecture. Not into "scene" at all. Seeking masculine male for conversation, sports and fruits of good chemistry. Interested in well-hung men in good shape with excellent health, who value integrity, monogamy, friendship. Creative professional, high education a plus. Photo/letter to PO Box 191334, SF 94119-1334 or call ★★3304.

"All I Ask For Is One Love..."

If you know this song from *Phantom of the Opera*, then you know what I am looking for. GWM academic, 40, 5'9", 170, br/gr, HIV-, cleanshaven, masculine. My friends describe me as someone who is strong, gentle, wise, humorous, romantic and communicative. I want to explore sexual and spiritual intimacy with the right guy, age 30-45. I tend to like men with medium builds and dark hair, but am open to all. Wide-ranging interests include politics, spirituality, music, movies, swimming, hiking, reading and travel. If you are a special man looking for love with a quality guy, please reply to BT Box DC86C or call ★★3305.

Asian Bad Boy

Seeking other misfits to be bad with. I'm 29, 5'9", 168 lbs., attractive, strong and muscular. You should be under 30, fit and like to have fun. Men of color a plus. NS, ND, HIV-. Call ★★3306.

Xmas Wish

I wish Santa would bring me someone special for Xmas; someone who is stable, compassionate, intelligent, under 35 y.o., athletic (gym-toned/BB is a plus) & outgoing. Me: 28 y.o., Asian, 5'9", 155 lbs., smooth & well-defined body. LTR is possible. Call ★★3307.

WLM, 44 y.o., 6'1", 180#

HIV-, good-looking, honest, sincere, sensual, seeks men under 30 y.o. for safe fun and friendship. Please write PO Box 13667, Berkeley 94701 or call ★★3308.

Christian

GWM seeks friends or a relationship with the right man. In both I seek someone of integrity who is smoke- and drug-free. In a relationship I'm looking for a GWM under 36, who believes in monogamy. I'm 32, 5'9", 155 lbs., with brown eyes, brown hair and a moustache. I enjoy the outdoors, movies, music, dinners out and quiet evenings at home. PO Box 3183, Walnut Creek 94598 or call ★★3309.

I'm Queer And Love Being

I'll marry a man who communicates his feelings; that's stylish, fashionable without attitude; humorous and confident, romantic, spiritual is a must. ND, NS, light to NA. Smooth, cute, smaller than me, GA/GL/GW, HIV-, one-man man. I'm WM, 5'11", 195, brn/blue, electric smile, great attitude about life, masculinely handsome, clean-cut, fairly hairy chest. I date younger men because of my energy level and zest for life. I love clubs/home. Call; don't be shy, writing takes weeks. Call ★★3310.

Warm Hugs

Handsome and sexy GWM, 54, 5'10", 168, blue eyes, trimmed gray beard, seeks attractive masculine man for potential lifemate. Interests include bicycling, hiking, organic vegetable gardening and anything outdoors. You are handsome, NS, light/ND, great shape, and have the capacity for warmhearted affection. Extra points for being easy to be with and having a sense of humor. Call ★★3311.

HIV+ And Still Going

GHM, 5'5", 140, 33, employed, searches for others needing noise and excitement part of the time; quiet and contemplation the other part. Satirical often, masculine always. NS encouraged to respond. Reply BT Box DC87C.

Relationship

Attractive GWM, 51, HIV+, 5 ft. 7 in. tall, 155 lbs., professional, high energy, very healthy, secure in self, fulfilled in life—enjoys hiking, the gym, horseback riding, hot tubbing, theater, travel and extended family—seeking a loving significant other with some similar interests, who is ready to share his life, share his emotions, share his physical self and share a growing spiritual sense of intimacy with self and partner. Call ★★3312.

Are You Asian And

Exclusively looking for GWM, financial support or love to play games? Then you're too shallow—get lost. Now, if you are responsible, sincere, stable, 24-30, looking for emotional satisfying relationship and attracted to other than just white, then this 36 y.o., 5'8", GLM is interested in meeting you. I am HIV-, Financial District professional, stable, sincere, enjoy dining out, movies, sports and your company. Reply BT Box DC88C or call ★★3313.

Boy Wanted

Very intelligent bisexual man of culture and refinement has insatiable desire to give pleasure to very young men, 18-20, any way you like it. No reciprocation expected. I have a great many other interests, and I hope to form lasting friendships with young men of all backgrounds. I'm clean, safe, gentle, sincere, sensitive, loving and highly motivated to please you. Please write: PO Box 968, Laytonville 95454.

Constellations Of The Heart

Is there anyone interested in turning a telescope inside out and viewing the constellations of the heart? I'm searching for that inner beauty that makes each of us an individual on this planet. This attractive, gym-toned, neo-romantic, creative type would like to meet friends who enjoy bicycling, long walks, cafe conversation, dinners, films and the spontaneity of living and loving life. Relationship possible with mutual chemistry. Call ★★3314.

Seeking Taurus!

I'm Scorpio rising, a writer, financially stable, live in Marin, beautiful face/body, long hair, bl/bl, 31, cleanshaven. You're seeking marriage, love to eat healthy, have healthy, strong, supportive friends, smiling. Call ★★3315.

Looking For Romance

Does it exist? I'd be willing to bet it does. Attractive GWM, 27, 6'5", 185 lbs. and new to the Bay Area. Seeking GWM for friendship, dating and possibly more. I enjoy movies, golf, skiing, reading, dancing and candle lit dinners with stimulating conversation. A good sense of humor is a must. Go ahead, sweep me off my feet. Reply BT Box DC89C or call ★★3316.

Incarcerated

Soon to be released, attractive WM who's 25 and from the Bay Area would love to meet an older man for special friendship. Address: J.L., #218316, Box 120 3C122, Lebanon, Ohio 45036.

Nice Guys Finish...

Together! Sincere, kind, moral, affectionate man seeks same. There are plenty of good guys out there looking for one another—and they're not all taken. If you enjoy intimate talks, dreamy walks, sunsets and rainy nights with one you can trust and grow to love—call me. Nonsmokers, HIV-, aged 28-44, who love to kiss, are part of the package deal I seek. Other details negotiable. Call ★★3317.

Exhibitionists

GWM, 30s, 5'8", 150, very muscular, 42" chest, 29" waist, attractive, HIV-, seeks GWMs, couples or bi males under 40 who are muscular, work out, cleanshaven, very attractive, HIV-, who want to participate in exhibitionist/voyeur scenes. Creativity required. Love to entertain for small groups, etc. Call ★★3318.

Early Retirement?

GWM, 36, 5'6", 145, HIV+, healthy and financially secure. Looking for others in similar position for companionship, travel and spiritual growth. (Possibly lover or sex.) Let's meet for coffee in SF or Guerneville. Reply BT Box DC90C or call ★★3319.

My Gift To You...

What you see is what you get & a genuine friend. Asian, professional, broadminded, good-looking, nice build with strong legs, great smile, 29 y.o., 5'7", 143#, seeks weight conscious GWM under 34 y.o. for relationship. Unconditional love is what I have to offer if we are fortunate enough to be attracted to each other. This attractive, quality, available and honest person is now on the meat market and won't be around forever. I love the study of human nature and human spirit, conversations about the issues of the day, karaoke, volleyball, in general just taking care of ourselves. My friends seem to think I'm special. I hope you'll agree when we meet over coffee. Mr. Right isn't always at your front door. Let's be more than 2 rafts drifting by. Let's make it a year to be remembered. Call ★★3320.

Shy Romantic!

GWM seeks friends or a relationship with the right man. In both, I seek someone of integrity who is smoke- and drug-free. In a relationship I'm looking for a GWM under 36, who believes in monogamy. I'm 32, 5'9", 155 lbs., with brown eyes, brown hair and moustache. I enjoy the outdoors, movies, music, dinners out and quiet evenings at home. PO Box 3183, Walnut Creek 94598 or call ★★3321.

Can't Gay Men Just Be Friends?

East Bay gay couple would like to meet other gay males, females and couples for socializing, sporting events and just all around fun times with cool people. It's sad that I have to say this, but we are just looking for real friends, not sexual partners. Call ★★3322.

My Favorite? Sunday Mornings

GWM, 31, 6'1", 180, brn/brn, HIV-, looking for a nice guy who's tired of waiting for Mr. Right to find him. I enjoy neighborhood cafes, travels, movies, theater. I'm stable, honest, emotionally available, someone who loves a night on the town as much as lounging in bed on a Sunday morning. Attracted to a variety of types. You: 25-35, relationship-oriented, HIV-, nonsmoker. Call ★★3323.

Attractive And Literate Computer Nerd Seeks Boyfriend

Affectionate text fanatic seeks an attractive, compatible man for conversation, friendship, sex, shared humor and, with luck, a relationship. I am a GWM, HIV-, 5'6", turned 39 in November, have brown hair, good features, athletic build and am medium hairy. I exercise almost every day (I read between sets at the gym) and I bike on weekends. I consider myself masculine, supportive, a good listener, loyal and slow to anger. I try to learn from life and I don't dwell on the past. You should be near my age (30-45), athletic and in good shape, well-educated and my height or taller. If you'd like to talk then please call or write. Reply BT Box DC91C or call ★★3324.

Silly Rabbit, Tricks Are For Kids!

Sex is very easy to find if that's what you want. I want: someone who is bright, funny, charming, sexy, mature and wise, or is at least self-confident enough to believe he can be my Mr. Right even if he isn't perfect. Me: GBM, tall, slim, 26, versatile, all-of-the-above, plus... follow your first impression. Friendship seekers also welcome. Will answer all. Call ★★3325.

A Boyfriend Or Friend For The New Year

This HIV-, 6', 250 lb., 30 y.o., Black male wants to start New Year's right—love, peace and happiness for everyone. Love to cook, go hiking, biking, movies and doing community work. You are 27-50, tall or short, any race, not selfish and a free spirit or conservative. We both are open to value commitment and celebrate the joy of living. I'm a very passionate and caring person. Please write: PO Box 5441, Oakland 94605 or call ★★3326.

Seeking Chrisness

Shy, handsome, literate white guy, 28, 6'4", 230#, dark, hairy and husky with a big dick and lusty disposition. Conversationalist, city walker, thinker, interested in life and love. Open to meeting all types of men under 35. (Chigliak—plus alpha!) Call ★★3327.

GM Seeks Friends/Relationship

Looking for friendship first, then a relationship if chemistry is right. Somewhat shy at first, but am fun-loving, intelligent and humorous. I like travel, art, dance, music, nature, beaches, going dancing. I'm considerate, kind—a nice guy. Looking for someone, any race, who has some of these qualities and interests. I'm always open to new interests myself. Sexually, I'm somewhat shy and inexperienced, but I'm open to exploration, value reciprocity, sensitivity over strict top/bottom role divisions. Seek affection, sensuality & caring, without an "attitude." Mostly like young, cute, in-shape (lean to muscular) guys, but also am attracted to handsome, in-shape, older guys. I'm GWM, 5'10", 140#, slim, 53, but look early 40s, good looks; HIV-, safe sex only. Live in Berkeley. Call ★★3328.

Moving To SF

I'll be coming to SF, Feb. 1. I'm 31, 165 lbs., 5'11", HIV-, handsome, and in good shape. A country boy at heart. Looking for a house to share in Castro Area, great references. Also would like to meet men in the SF area to show me around the City. I'm no pig, but love sex with topmen who are secure, disease-free and well-endowed! All answered with photo, phone. You won't be disappointed! Write to E.C.W., PO Box 311, Wooster, Ohio 44691.

Asian Seeks GWM For Friendship/Relationship

48, 5'9", 135 lbs., GAM professional, love classical music, movies, theater, travel, biking, walking, nonsmoker, no drugs, HIV-, monogamous. Seeking intelligent, responsive, sensitive, sincere, professional GWM, late-40s to early-60s, for all dates, friendship, exploration and moving slowly into all aspects of what makes for a good relationship. Reply Box 360, 298 4th Ave., SF 94118.

Teddy Bear

Young horny lads for sweaty squirt sessions. Be sweet, honest and hot to the touch. Call ★★3329 or write PO Box 426027, SF 94142.

Exceptional Daddy Seeks Exceptional Boy

Handsome, masculine, warmhearted, successful professional man, 41, 6', 190, br/bl, gym-goer, hiker, nice bulky muscular build. Seeks boy (18-30, HIV-) with decent looks, exceptional mind, ability to discuss feelings, head sometimes in clouds. Object: friendship, lighthearted romance, affectionate roughhousing, backroad travel and hikes together, etc. Call ★★3330.

Say Cheese, Please!

Cock cheese that is! Blunt & upfront! I love to meet guys who have really nasty, smelly cocks. The smellier, the better. Other turn-ons are ripe buttholes and armpits. I'm hairy, horny, HIV-, anxious to speak, meet, jack off with men enjoying sniffing. Latins and Asians are fine but all encouraged. Your hot message gets immediate response. Call ★★3331.

I Still Think Sex Is Overrated

I'm looking for a good conversation with brainy HIV+ grownup Holden Caulfield. Must be well-read (poetry, philosophy, history) and be up to something useful and creative. I hate "fun" stuff (i.e., mindless activites to compensate for hated jobs). I like libraries, work, making things, backpacking & people with obsessions. I am attractive enough and find smoking, sentimentality, Christianity and "leather" about equally repulsive. Reply BT Box DC92C or call ★★3332.

Time To Settle Down

Very attractive, cute, handsome, Chinese boy wants to settle down with the right guy. I'm 5'9", slender, smooth, 140 lbs., healthy, HIV-, lots of fun (indoors/outdoors), dancing, dining, movies, sports, shopping, very serious about a long-term relationship. I'm 37, but look very young (around 26). If you are nice/handsome, between 26-35, have similar attributes, please call and make friends first! Call ★★3333.

I'm Ready—Where R U?

41, GWM, 5'7", 145 lbs., raised in Berkeley during '60s. Have matured with many of the same values. Seek dom. top who is sensitive & loving. Healthy HIV+ OK. Am musical, into nature and ready for LTR. Am into inner spiritual path and seek someone to share inner growth with, as well as all the other aspects of a relationship. Am incredible btm—love to please. Call ★★3334.

A Romantic Loving Man

Awaits your gentle touch. After 3 yrs. I still haven't found my spiritually evolved (non-cling-on) monogamous kindred spirit. Us: sleeping close, sharing kisses, enchanted gazes, tons of affection and smiles. I prefer facial, body hair, small to average endowment (like me) for sensual massage, passionate frottage, and vanilla versatility. I'm 30something, attractive, Italian/Austrian, curly hair, goatee, 5'9", 155 lbs.,

gym-toned, HIV-, introspective, artistic (or is that autistic...?), zany humor. I like lumberjack types and... Let's work hard, play hard and improvise life's dance. Cha-cha slippers optional. Call ★★3335.

Just For You

Nice guy with big dick wants to service your big dick on a regular basis. I'm 32, 5'10", 185 lbs., br/br, sense of humor and I'm serious about having fun. I work out a lot and I'm horny all the time. I'm also free weekdays. Hot Latin homeboy a plus. Call ★★3336.

Massage Anyone?

Good-looking, cleanshaven, well-educated, East Bay GWM, mid-30s, 6'2", 190#, HIV-, seeks similar GWM/GAM, 25-35, for an erotic massage exchange and who knows, maybe even a friendship. I am relatively inexperienced, and am hoping for some enjoyable, sensual experiences. Please send a photo (which I will return) and a letter describing yourself and your interests to BT Box DC93C.

Want To Be Married

42-yr-old GWM, br/br, 5'7", 145 lbs., musically inclined, sensitive, inwardly spiritual by nature, seeks GWM, 35-50 yrs. old, who is also seeking a loving, growing LTR. I'm experienced emotionally: sorrow & great joy and am ready to risk again. Am healthy HIV+ and you are same, or if HIV-, willing to risk safe sex. Seek affectionate top. Am handsome, creative bottom—and a cuddler. Call ★★3337.

Relationship Wanted

Are physical, emotional, spiritual & thinking aspects all important in your life? Do you enjoy your own (and others) spontaneity, creativity, fun & laughter? Activities for us might include hikes, massage exchanges, seances, movies, eating in/out. Both of us: NS, no drugs, little/no alcohol, HIV-. I am 52 y.o. GWM, 5'10", 175#. Call ★★3338.

Spank The New Year In

Seeking intelligent, fit, low fat %, 18-40 GWM, for fun, massage, experiencing your limits. Novices or experienced. Be self-supporting, reliable and HIV-. I'm a GWM, 39, fit, 5'7", smooth. Pluses are if you have some toys, devices and are computer literate. Reply BT Box DC94C or call ★★3339.

First Ad Ever

GWM, 32, good-looking (so I'm told), 5'7", 145#, brown (thinning), hazel, cleanshaven, light smoker, HIV-. Enjoy reading, movies/videos, hanging out, cooking, quiet times at home. Not into: the Castro, bars/clubs, leather, egos, daddies, femmes or clones. Seeking others for friendship, dating and possible LTR. If you're likeminded, 28-36, attractive, honest, sincere, drug-free (pot OK), STD-free, ht/wt prop., white/Latin/Japanese and interested, take a chance. (Taller/hairy chest a plus.) Call ★★3340.

Who Put The "Stud" In "Studious"?

Intelligent, articulate GWM with glasses is also a passionate, versatile Italian (HIV+) with a big... libido. Attractive, trim, short (5'5"), brn/brn, trim beard, mid-30s. Terrific sense of humor, dog owner/lover, real nice guy. Love popular music (Louis Jordan, June Tabor, Sondheim), movies, dining out, but most of all staying in, talking, laughing and making love with a special person. I have lots to offer, emotionally and physically, to the right person, and I'll run this ad till I find him. You: mature but fun-loving GWM in good shape, late-20s-late-30s, no drugs. Call ★★3341.

Leathermaster

Attractive, slim, Asian master seeks good-looking, HIV- GWM into leather, uniforms, bondage and light S/M. I am clean, safe, friendly and considerate and expect the same of you. Let's get together and discuss our fantasies over coffee. I have a full leather uniform. Prefer nonsmokers. Call ★★3342.

Hot Bagels

GWM, 36, 5'8", HIV-, 150 lbs. of solid muscle. Enjoy woring out, movies and eating out. Jewish in spirit but not in practice. I'm looking for a kind, sensitive and humorous individual who would be interested in becoming friends with the possibility of LTR. Age or race is not important, except if you're under 20 or over 50. If you're handsome, employed and love animals, I'd love to hear from you. Call ★★3343.

Rectal Exam

Bend over! Show that hole! Mature, hairy, balding GWM gives savvy, safe, sexy, slippery ass exam. You J/O for the doctor. Your balls gently tugged, your prostate exquisitely massaged. Spanking is available; other safe, mutually desired kink considered. Submissive males preferred but all encouraged to respond. Yours: excitement, relief, orgasm. Write explicit note to PO Box 151, Alameda 94501 or call ★★3344.

Hinduism, Hiking & Humor

I'm a GWM, 41, 5'9", 170 lbs., dark thinning hair, asymptomatic HIV+. I have decent looks, above average commitment to my Eastern spiritual path; I like bodywork, outdoors, chanting, meditation retreats; am thoughtful, somewhat shy, versatile bottom; I enjoy confident, masculine, taller men who share my desire for fun, adventure, intimacy and enlightenment. I'm interested in making new friends, dating and/or LTR. Call ★★3345.

Looking For My Opposite

I'm mid-40s, hairy chest, light complexion, attracted to 20s, smooth chest, dark complexion. We are both playful, sincere, honest, intelligent, self-sufficient, easygoing, in-shape, cleanshaven face, NS/ND, non-possessive, non-jealous, wanting sex buddy or boyfriend, open relationship. I'm GWM, brn/blue, 6'1", 185#, quiet/shy in groups, frank one-to-one. PO Box 192384, SF 94119 or call ★★3346.

Handsome And Hung

Now that I have your attention here's the rest. Extremely good-looking, 30, 160#, br/bl, tight, lean, muscular body, Slavic features, professional, sarcastic, playful and fun. I'm interested in meeting other very handsome, bright, in-shape GWM under 35 for dating +. Call ★★3347.

Seeking Relationship

GWM, 41, 5'6", stocky, husky and attractive. Seeking LTR. My interests include travel, theater, movies, lots of snuggling and lots of communication. I have been in recovery for 4 years and also have worked very hard on my own issues in therapy. I am looking for someone who has done the same and is willing to process issues that come up when starting a relationship with someone. I love to laugh, joke and play but am also willing to cry and feel the pain that comes up in this world. I am looking for someone to share my life with, including all its ups and downs, someone who has a commitment to making a difference on this planet. The hardest thing to find is someone to process with when it gets tough. Seeking someone between the ages of 34-45. Call ★★3348.

Marriage? No!

Relationship? Maybe. Dating? Sure. I'm 33 y.o. GWM academic, 6'1", 150 lbs., bright blue eyes, thinning blond hair and very Nordic features—I know St. Olaf well. Very affectionate, into kissing & hot safe sex, and open to new ideas. I'm busy but versatile. You are in shape, NS, 28-40, cleanshaven or facial hair, sexy in your own way, a great sense of humor, and have a lot of flexibility. Prefer letters with photos which will be returned. Reply BT Box DC95C or call ★★3349.

I Want A Boyfriend!

I am a 6'4", brn/bl, HIV-, 38, GWM, looking for a cute, HIV-, GWM, 25-35. Externally, I love a cute face, smooth body, thin hips and a tight butt. Internally, I love honesty, integrity, spiritual growth, caring, intimacy and commitment. Can I have both? Let's talk. Call ★★3350.

Happiness Happening

Attractive, heavyset, GWM, 6'1", blond hair, hazel eyes, 32, sensual, playful, compassionate, fun-loving. Seeking ND-using, masculine GBM for friendship, companionship or relationship. Your looks and age are not important; your intimacy, sexiness, sincereity and spirit are. Let's discover what it means to soar together. Ready for happiness? Let's go! Call ★★3351.

Seeking Masculine J/O Buddy

Masculine, healthy GWM, 35, 5'9", 150, HIV-, short dark hair, 'stache/goatee, glasses, moderately hairy, nice dick/nuts, seeks healthy, cologne- & deodorant-free, masculine, slender-average built dude who's HIV-, mid-20s-mid-30s for man-to-man J/O. Into J/O in and out of 501s, leather, cock/ball/tit work, body piercing, goatees/beards. Not looking for relationship or tobacco smokers. Call ★★3352.

Red Bearded Bear

Smart, athletic, outdoor bear, 37, 180#, 5'11", looking for other bearded bears for sex, conversation, sex, humor. The more beard, the better. Call ★★3353.

Tantum Ergo... Pange Lingua... Salve Regina...

Does this mean anything to you? If so, read on. Me: hopeless, or rather hopeful, Anglo-Catholic (with strong Roman sentiments), Asian/Amer., 6 ft., 175, blk/brn, trim moust., considered attractive and intelligent, seeks Christian-inspired GWM w/understanding of liturgical Christianity, between 30-40, stocky build w/facial hair and/or hirsute for a possible "nunc et semper" relationship. I love: movies & the mass (Mysterium Fidei), romance & rosaries, ice cream & icons, beaches & benediction, talking & tradition, laughing and liturgy, and all the other marvelous things God gives us in life. I'm serious yet playful, conservative but at peace w/my sexuality & Christianity, energetic yet longs for quiet times w/someone special. I'm an easily readable book with a few enigmatic passages, easygoing but firm in beliefs, in all, I'm just a regular guy seeking another "ordinary" guy who believes in a Christian way of life, regardless of being gay. You: compatible and enthusiastic with most of the above. If you feel led to respond, leave message or write me with phone number. Peace! Reply BT Box DC96C or call ★★3354.

Deaf And Gay

Easygoing deaf GWM, 36 (looks younger), 170 lbs., NS, ND, HIV-, health-conscious, seeks companionshnip for various activities (I am open to any kind), such as tennis, volleyball, workout, etc. I love to cook nutritious food. Send a photo and tell me about yourself. I will do the same. I am open to any races. Let's have some fun! Please send mail to: PO Box 422411, SF 94142. I don't believe that you will be sorry!

In Search Of...

New opportunities, including possible LTR and the dating that might lead to it. Soon I'll know if life begins at 40. I'll continue with what's been great: workouts, healthy food, dancing, safe sex, humor, creativity, intimacy. I'm 5'9", 180, with broad shoulders, beefy muscles, hairy, bald, bearded, blue eyes, glasses. Like me, you're quick to laugh, slow to judge, honest, open, happy and work to stay in good shape. Let's explore contact and communication. Send letter, resolutions, photo to: PO Box 14591, SF 94114 or call ★★3355.

Love Sucking Big Cocks

Goal: sex buddies, playmates, intimacy, male bonding through mutual sexual pleasures and fun experiences. Me: attractive, mature, 40ish appearance, GWM, 6', 175#, good body, tanned, gray/blond/military cut hair, pecs pierced, great cock, hot mouth/tongue for full body exploration, moustache, good kisser, very sexual, honest, sensuous, touch oriented, adventurous exhibitionist, Blow Buddies regular, oral connoisseur with an insatiable appetite to fully service cocks. HIV- (play safe, status irrelevant), enjoy wine, a beer, "poppers" and an occasional joint. You: GWM, 35+, "oral (getting great head) fixated," good looks, maintained body and appearance, "endowed," "masculine." Enjoy kissing, man-to-man touching, massage? Have a very hot erotic apt., sexually graphic male art work, and extensive porno library in Van Ness corridor of the City. Wipe-outs: misrepresentation, colognes, unclean. If you fit the general outline above, "What have you got to lose but your load?" Call

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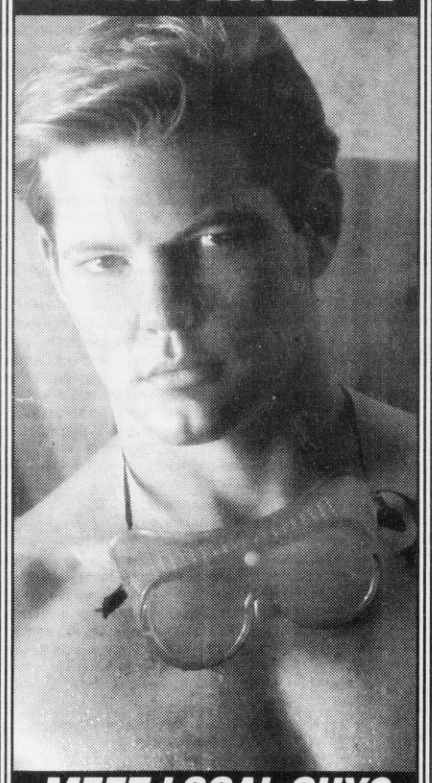

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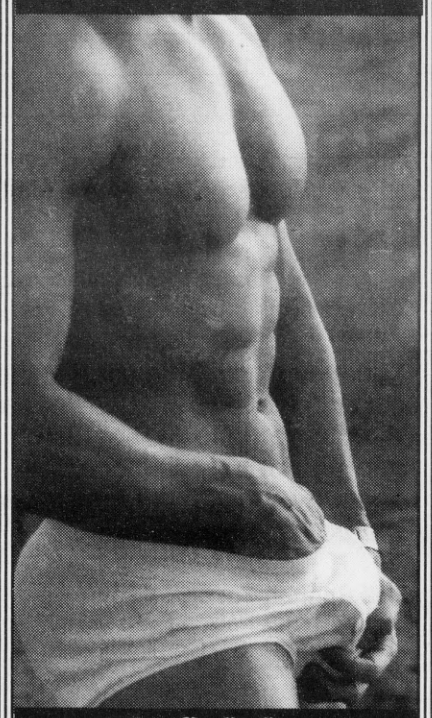

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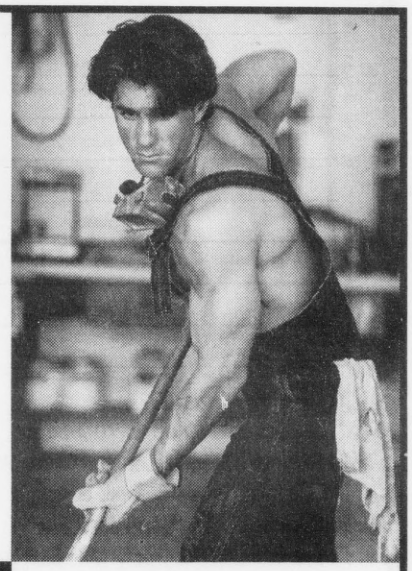

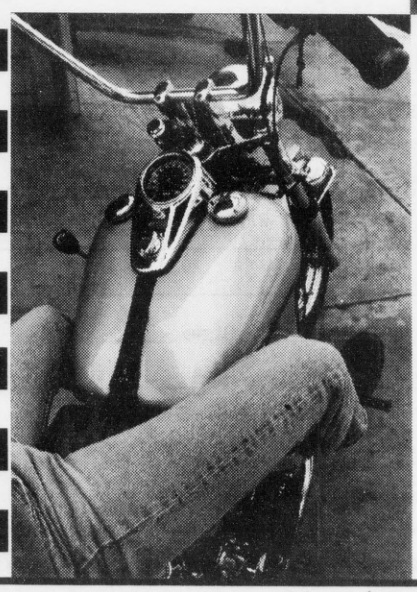

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Realistically Passionate
GBM, 5' tall, 118 lbs., dancer's build, smooth, muscular body, HIV+, 35, well-hung, versatile bottom, realistic about you and me. Wants friendship, trust and passion with a man. I love adventure, travel, sex, passion, intimacy and men. I am a very romantic man who wants the same. You've gotta like passionate sex. Call ★★3358.

Let's Plant A Few Seeds...
Nude photographer, professional gardener, 30, GWM, 5'9", 150, into pecan pie and sitting on hard rocks, seeks creative artist-type with good stamina and kitchen know-how, 25-40, HIV-. Reply BT Box DC97C or call ★★3359.

Bear Magazine Look
39, GWM. I'm hairy, husky, balding, with a thick moustache that goes down to my chin. I'm 5'9", 190 lbs., brn hair & eyes. I'm seeking: guy, 20 to 30, with attractive, boyish looks for possible relationship. I enjoy bicycling, nature, films, sci fi. Also enjoy safe versatile sex. I'm HIV-, would like same. Not into bars & enjoy simple pleasures. Call ★★3360.

New Year's Connection
This WM is likeable, honest, solid, sensual, handsome, with a beautiful hairy chest. I have a busy life with lots of interests. I'd like to connect with someone in the new year who isn't afraid of intimacy. I'm late-30s, HIV-, NS, wide smile, sexy eyes. You have a well-kept body; a nicely developed chest a must; love deep kissing and cuddling; have a good personality, sane and unaffected. Call ★★3361.

Come Play With Me
Is that a proposition or a proposal? Yes. Professional writer, politically and ethically aware, eco-spiritual intellectual, Jewish upbringing, young 40s, 5'6", 142#, beard/moustache, blk/brn, seeks creative younger friend, 5'8" or under, for mutual exploration and stimulation of mind-body-spirit. We're both authentic, feeling, thoughtful, kind, imaginative, smart, quirky, humorous, playful, adventurous, HIV-, NS, light drinkers. Leisure activities, tastes and pursuits open to mutual revelation, sharing and growth. Call ★★3362.

Massage Buddy
I really enjoy the relaxing and revitalizing effects of a good massage and am seeking other attractive young men for massage exchange. I'm 5'9", 145#, 29, HIV-, very handsome, black hair, dark eyes, with a silky smooth, gym-toned body. Seeking good-looking, in-shape, HIV- men under 35, with warm heart, caring hands and some experience. Let's untense those muscles, stimulate those chakras and release some endorphins. Call ★★3363.

An Ideal Match
My demands—a handsome, in-shape male of darker ethnicity, late-20s/30s, varied interests and a sense of curiosity toward life and surroundings; creativity, maturity, playfulness, compassion, sincerity; someone striving for a positive outlook (no manic depressives, perennial victims or addictive/co-dependent types); unique, open-minded, relaxed, intelligent, self-assured; lots of fun, smiles, laughter; sensuality, exploration, adventure, physicality, affection; lots of sweaty, uninhibited sex, cuddly sleepovers; privacy, respect. Your rewards—a 6', 170 lb., attractive, 29, Anglo male; recently embarked on the path of self-employment; casually stylish; all of the above attributes plus a great and willing cook! Sound too good to be true? Well, nobody's perfect, call me! Call ★★3364.

Enlightened Pig
Handsome, intelligent, affectionate, in-shape pig (43, 5'11", 150, brn/grn, moustache) who has done his homework, seeks similar emotionally mature men who have a beard or moustache and know how to enjoy themselves. Passionate sex, personal intimacy/spiritual consciousness with a sense of humor make a potent combination. You have outgrown your cultural/religious upbringing and see the numinous everywhere. "It's all about soul." Call ★★3365.

Uninhibited Asian/Latin
Yes, this is a sex ad. Seeking creative, uninhibited, 18-35, Asian, Latin for semi-kinky, sane, safe exploration in a variety of positions and locations. HIV-, hot, healthy, horny, toned, 38, WM, with hairy chest, cut, slim. No commitment—I have one—just really hot sex anywhere. Key here is mutually satisfying activity without judgment. If it's safe, let's try it. Couples, exhibitionists also invited. Call ★★3366.

Masculine Top
Handsome, charismatic, romantic, sensitive GWM, 40, dark hair, moustache, gym-toned, swimmer, confident, playfully aggressive, HIV-, loves life's challenges, intelligent, non-pretentious, movies to mountains, seeks honest GWM, 25+, confident, self-assured emotionally, spiritually & sexually stimulating who is proud of being gay. Not looking for Mr. Goodbar. NS, ND. Beautiful eyes & nice furry butt a+. A letter gets mine. Reply BT Box DC98C or call ★★3367.

It's In Your Kiss
Handsome, romantic GBM, 35, 118 lbs., smooth, 5' tall, muscular body, dancer's build, HIV+ healthy. I love to kiss. Seek other sexy, handsome men for fun, lust and romance, hot erotic sex, romantic dates. I enjoy life in many different ways. You want the same; let's get together for a drive in the country and ? I believe in chemistry and you've got to like affection. Call ★★3368.

Hey!
Kinda new in town, kinda newly out, kinda shy, definitely looking for a boyfriend. Not even sure I know my "type." I am tall, masculine, handsome, late-30s, HIV-, unique GWM, looking for sweet, loving, "handsome," HIV- GWM, 25-35±. I hate mind games, bars and cigarette smoke. I love friendship, fun, food, movies, sex, intimacy. I love beautiful looking men, but value personality more. You? Call ★★3369.

I Like To Watch, Be Watched
I am a 40 y.o., European, short, 5'5", in good shape, hairy legs, ass, nice cut dick. You are any age, healthy, in-shape, hairy below the waist. Reply PO Box 640361, SF 94164-0361 or call ★★3370.

Creative White Man
Searches for equally powerful man to laugh and love through life with. I am 39, HIV+, 6', 160#, cleanshaven, compelling good looks. Please reply BT Box DC99C or call ★★3371.

Jewish Intellectual Queer Activist
College professor, gorgeous former fashion model, beautiful brown hair, brown eyes, gym body, 5'9", vegetarian, radical queer political activist, with long, proud arrest record and gentle, loving nature. Very Jewish, known critic and writer of books on queer art and culture. In search of kind intellectual into the arts, nature & outdoors, pretty to exceedingly handsome, around my age or younger, with great politics and a curious, open, enthusiastic personality. Please be emotionally available for a serious relationship, educated, a reader, good-humored and playful, comfortable with feelings and their expression. I am a real catch. You be, too. Write with photo (returned) and tell me about yourself. ND/NS, all the above. Reply BT Box DC100C.

Special Man
Great build on this very muscular, handsome and special man. I'm GWM, 41, 5'8", 165 lbs., defined and solid, brown hair, moustache. Looking for handsome, romantic, intelligent, passionate, well-built and sensitive mate, a great kisser who likes frequent and mutually satisfying great sex. I'm a man you can count on, committed to friendship, a good life together. Your HIV status is not a factor. Any race. Call or write if you have the body, mind and heart to match. Reply BT Box DC101C or call ★★3372.

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How many ads will you go through over & over again, before you realize: this one is the special one! I'm a handsome, 37-year-old, HIV- GWM who is a determined and dedicated individual and holds monogamy & trust dear to his heart. I know what I want & who I want to share my heart with. He's got to be 30+ GWM in good physical shape, attractive (clean-cut looking) & have a heart of gold that I can see when we meet! He'll want a great catch like me & I him. He'll not believe in fairy tales, but still believe in magic. He will call my ad, hear my voice and hear with his heart too! Then maybe, just maybe, he'll become mine! Reply BT Box DC102C or call ★★3373.

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IT'S SIMPLE AND FREE!! You'll automatically get a free voice mail box with your personal ad unless you check the box below. You'll receive a letter from us with your Call Star extension and your secret password, as well as detailed instructions on how to use the system. Remember: recording your greeting and retrieving your messages are **FREE.**

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Admission
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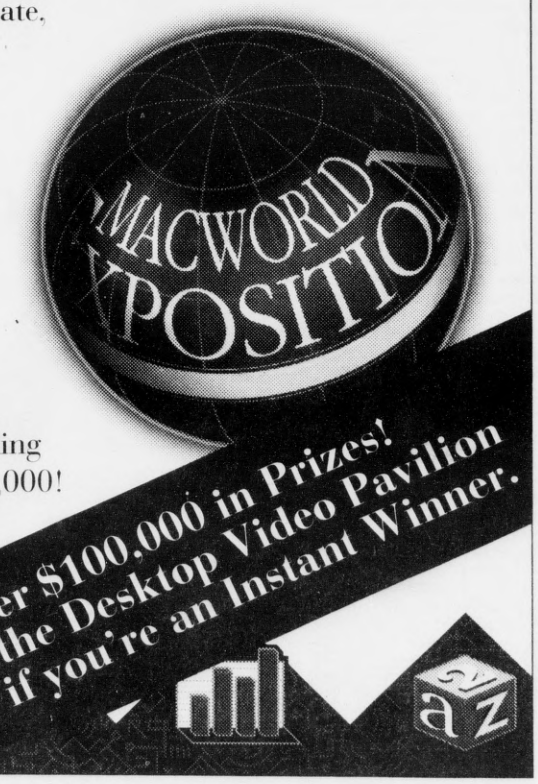
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